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Finicky subway doors to be fixed, Bombardier says

Number of problems with new trains.

TTC is also still trying to resolve wheelchair-accessibility issues

Bombardier, the maker of the TTC's under-performing Toronto Rocket subway trains, is assuring transit riders that a solution to an issue with the doors is on the way.

The doors have been problematic from the outset. If the doors are held three times the train has to be taken out of service, resulting in crowding on the already-packed Yonge line where the Toronto Rockets are deployed.

It's possible the doors are

too sensitive to interference, said a Bombardier spokesman on Tuesday. That's not unusual on new trains, said Marc LaForge.

"It's not just the TTC. On rail projects the doors are always the No. 1 issue," he said.

A team of Bombardier experts, led by North American president Raymond Bachant, will meet with TTC CEO Andy Byford on Friday to talk about the doors and other design tweaks.

Byford has called the performance of the Toronto Rockets "unacceptable." They are a factor in the Yonge subway operating on schedule only 92.7 per cent of the time, missing its 96 per cent reliability target, he said.

A joint Bombardier-TTC steering committee will be

Ironing out the kinks

TTC spokesman Brad Ross called the doors a "teething issue" in the first year of the trains' anticipated 30-year lifespan.

- Other design adjustments will also be discussed Friday, he said, including more overhead hanging straps for riders and the possibility of a cover for the intercom that connects to the subway operator.

looking at solutions, said LaForge. A similar joint committee works with officials at the Montreal Metro, he said.

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Ford fights to stay in office

Mayor's lawyer will ask a judge to let Rob Ford keep his job until his appeal is decided PAGE 3

'White Boy' gang charged

Four Albertans accused of organized crime and charged in three murders PAGE 14

Nice & easy but kinda cheesy

With 50th Billboard hit, Manilow joins exclusive club of recording legends PAGE 27



GRIP AND GRIT

Liberal leadership candidate Justin Trudeau poses for a photo with resident Edmond Lee during a visit to Maple Health Centre in Vaughan on Tuesday. Trudeau, who was first elected in 2008, told media at the centre that "people are tired of the politics of cynicism, the politics of division, and are looking for someone who is not going to be beholden to various ideologies and to the values that make Canada strong." FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Toronto Fire Services

Budget freeze trims five trucks

Freezing the Toronto Fire budget requires permanently removing 104 vacant positions — 91 of them frontline firefighter jobs — and pulling five trucks out of fire halls around the city.

It's unclear whether any of the city's 82 fire halls will close as a result of the cost-cutting move. The location of the fire halls that will see service reductions, leading to slower response times, is being kept secret.

Coun. Sarah Doucette called on the budget committee to book time for the public to have their say on the cuts needed to keep the fire budget at \$369 million, about \$1 million less than 2012.

"Neighbourhoods that are going to have reductions should be notified," Doucette said, after councillors on the budget committee discussed the matter behind closed doors.

While Toronto has 128 fire trucks in service, it could only staff an average of 122.5 vehicles throughout this year, Fire Chief Jim Sales said. Possibly as a result, response standards haven't been met.

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Judge to rule on Ford's bid to stay in office

Sticking around.

Ousted mayor will hope that judge deems the status quo in the public interest

Mayor Rob Ford will be forced to leave office early next week, unless he wins in court on Wednesday.

Lawyer Alan Lenczner will ask Superior Court Justice Gladys Pardu to let Ford keep his job until his appeal is decided upon sometime this winter.

If Pardu refuses to grant the stay, Ford will no longer be mayor as of Tuesday. Deputy Mayor Doug Holyday will take over on a temporary basis, council will have to declare the seat vacant, and then decide within 60 days whether to either call a byelection or appoint a successor.

But Ford's appeal will proceed — and a nightmare scenario will become highly unlikely, but conceivable: Ford could be given his seat back by the appeal court after someone else is already sitting in it.

"Rob Ford has brought us many firsts in his reign as mayor of the city, and this (could be) another one," said Ryerson University politics professor Mier Siemiatycki.

Ford was booted from office by Superior Court Justice Charles Hackland last Monday over a violation of the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.

If there is no stay, Hackland's ruling takes effect "14 days" after its release. The city's legal department could not explain whether that means Ford would have to depart Monday morning or Tuesday at midnight.

Lenczner must persuade Pardu that the case meets a three-part test: That there is a serious issue to be tried on appeal, that Ford would suffer "irreparable harm" without a stay, and that the "balance of convenience," including the public interest, is on Ford's side. Though a stay of removal order would be unusual, and possibly unprecedented, legal experts believe Ford is likely to be granted one, in part because of the complications that could arise if he is not.

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Toronto Mayor Rob Ford could be forced to leave office early next week.

NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mark Wahlberg calls out fighter pal Tie Domi



Actor Mark Wahlberg poses for a photo while promoting the movie Broken City in Toronto on Tuesday. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Oscar-nominated actor Mark Wahlberg caught up with his buddy Tie Domi in Toronto on Tuesday and tempted the retired NHL enforcer with a friendly bout in the boxing ring.

"Hey, Tie Domi, I'm officially challenging you," Wahlberg, who co-produced and starred in the 2010 Oscar-nominated boxing flick *The Fighter*, told Domi when the tough-guy hockey player called him on his cellphone during an interview.

"Because there's no hockey,

I'm officially challenging you to a fight at the Air Canada Centre. Are you in or not?... Don't duck me."

Wahlberg, who was in Toronto to talk about his upcoming film *Broken City* and do a youth charity event, then gave Domi the number of the downtown hotel room he was in with his entourage.

"We're gonna have to open the double doors so your head can fit through," quipped Wahlberg, 41, in his Boston accent.

Hanging up, he then said:

"He's been ducking me, so make sure you put it out in the newspapers."

Domi did indeed show up to the hotel room, giving Wahlberg a hug before exchanging mock fisticuffs. He told reporters the feisty Hollywood star often poses such challenges to him.

Wahlberg said the two have been friends since he was 18, when he met Domi on his first visit to Toronto to perform a concert with his rap group Marky Mark and the Funky Bunch. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Abduction

Grandfather gets house arrest

A grandfather convicted of helping his daughter abduct her two sons and flee to Poland will spend the next year under house arrest, a Newmarket judge ruled Tuesday. Tadeusz (Ted) Ustaszewski, 77, was sentenced to an 18-month conditional sentence, which includes one



Ted Ustaszewski
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year of house arrest — with exceptions.

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Health Canada

Testing lab's licence suspended

Health Canada has yanked the licence of a Toronto-area chemical testing laboratory, saying it found falsified results in tests involving a "wide range of products," including medications and natural food products.

The agency said that in some cases, Chemi

Pharmaceutical Inc. did not test finished products or the raw chemicals used to make drugs and other products. Health Canada alleges that bogus results were provided to companies that had contracted the company's services. Health Canada, which investigated after receiving a tip, said it is asking companies to halt sales of affected products until their safety can be confirmed. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Trump tower

OSC drops action against developer

Ontario regulators say after reviewing the sale of hotel units to investors in Toronto's Trump International Hotel and Tower, it has decided not to pursue action against the developer.

The Ontario Securities Commission said Tuesday it made the decision after

considering a number of factors, including meeting with prospective purchasers. The regulator did not give any further details on the decision.

On Friday, developer Talon International Inc. said it would extend the closing date to Dec. 13 for the sale of hotel condominium units at the downtown hotel and residence in order to deal with inquiries by the Ontario Securities Commission.

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Job action: After-school help cancelled

Impact. Boards worry about loss of homework clubs for struggling students

On top of sports, clubs and semi-formals, schools are now starting to cancel homework clubs and after-school help in light of the escalating job action by the province's teachers.

"It's one thing to talk about school plays and musicals, but there's a lot of children here, a lot of youth — especially in high school — who depend on the extra work before and after school," said Michael Barrett, president of the Ontario Public School Boards' Association.

"We're talking about elements that are going to significantly impact student achievement. That's very concerning to me."

Ken Coran, president of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, said teachers are expected to offer extra help now either by changing their lesson plans to allow more time for help during class, or at lunch or another time during "normal working hours."

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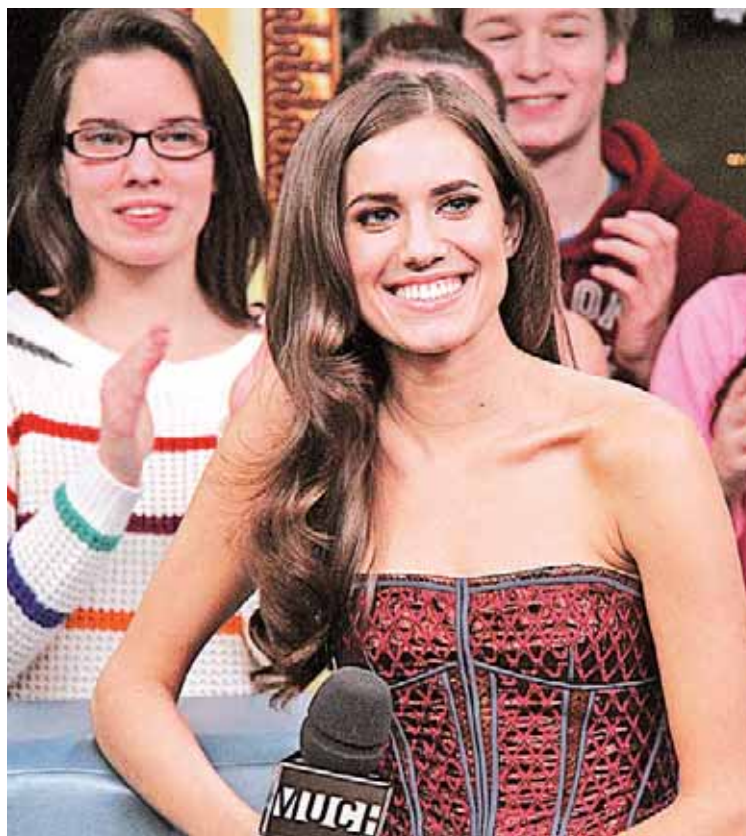
"The union is not going to sort this out, nor is the government, so who is going to come through for us?"

Oakville mom Wendy Gunn

But it's not clear how this was being done at schools in Durham, Toronto and Halton, where parents learned some after-school homework clubs are now on hold because of the OSSTF directive that teachers not stay after school as of Dec. 10.

Barrett accused both the teachers' unions and government of heightened tensions given the conflict over the controversial Bill 115, which limits bargaining rights and also imposes cuts to sick-day benefits, unpaid days off and a wage freeze.

MPP Lisa MacLeod, the Ontario PC education critic, said the loss of extracurriculars could mean "the difference between staying in school or leaving, and maybe make a difference between whether or not a student gets into community college" or even university. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



What a girl says

It was girls-only on the New.Music.Live. couch when Allison Williams dropped by MuchMusic to chat with host Lauren Toyota about the second season of her hit show *Girls*, and the season one DVD release on Dec. 11. The Yale-educated Williams first got noticed for her vocal contribution to a mashup of the tune *Nature Boy* set to RJD2's *A Beautiful Mine*, the theme song for *Mad Men*. Widespread praise on the Internet convinced producer Judd Apatow that she should be given a part in the HBO TV series *Girls*. **CONTRIBUTED**

Danzig. Boy, 16, charged in shooting

Toronto police have made another arrest in connection with the brazen shooting at an east-end block party last summer that left two people dead and more than 20 wounded.

A 16-year-old boy — who cannot be named under the Youth Criminal Justice Act — faces several charges, including threatening death and weapons-related charges.

The arrest Tuesday follows that of a 17-year-old youth who was charged last month with two counts of second-degree murder in connection with the multiple shooting on July 16 on Danzig Street. The youth faces 22 counts of aggravated assault and one count each of attempted murder and recklessly discharging a firearm.

Two older teens are also facing murder charges in connection with the shooting.

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Shyanne Charles, one of two victims killed in the Danzig shootings

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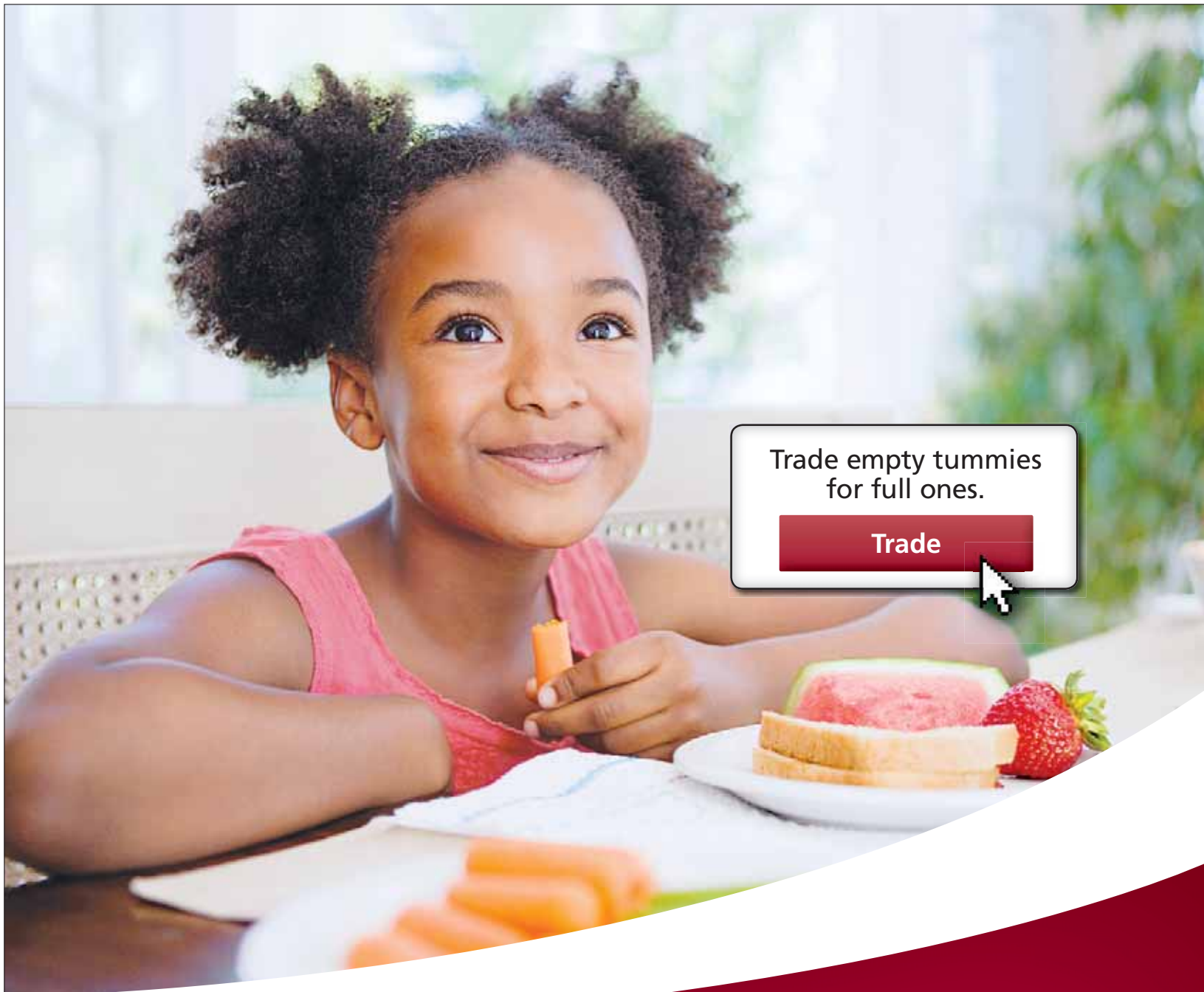
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LCBO. Allow alcohol to be sold in corner stores, grocery aisles: Hudak

Ontario should allow beer, wine and spirits to be sold in corner stores and grocery aisles, Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak said Tuesday.

He said he wouldn't cut taxes on alcohol, but he would consider selling part or all of the LCBO, which said it brought in \$1.6 billion to the province last year.

"So I think we need to be practical and thoughtful, whether that's a partial sale of LCBO stores, a full sale, allowing the employees to bid and run them as well, or franchises," he said.

"I think all these options are valid. I'd like to hear what Ontarians have to say about that, but I'm not going to build new stores, and I think it is time to have LCBO stores go into private hands."

The government should concentrate on core services like health care and education instead, Hudak said.

But he rejected the notion that selling any part of the LCBO would deprive the province — which is facing a \$14.4-billion deficit

Tory trial balloons

Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak's suggestions for the LCBO are among the trial balloons the Tory leader is floating, which also include having the province get out of the gambling business. But they're not official party policy.

this year — of much-needed cash.

"I bet you that actually increases revenue at the end of the day," he said.

Ontario should follow other Canadian and U.S. jurisdictions such as Alberta, British Columbia, West Virginia and Iowa, which allow the private sector to sell alcohol, he said.

"You could drive out of this province in any direction you wanted to go to, and you'd find more choice and more competition in privately run stores," he said.

"It's time we did that in Ontario too."

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Lovely weather for ducks, Mrs. Claus

Mrs. Claus sports an umbrella as she listens to the Candy Cane Carollers Tuesday at the Toronto Christmas Market in the Distillery District. Temperatures hit 16 C on Tuesday, squeaking past the 1998 record 15.9C. But don't get out the Hawaiian shirt just yet — the temperature is forecast to drop to 2C Wednesday.

STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Trotta appeal

Father convicted twice of killing his baby now wants name cleared

A man twice convicted of battering his baby boy to death turns to Ontario's highest court Wednesday in hopes of having his name cleared on the grounds that his first conviction was based on evidence from disgraced forensic pathologist, Dr. Charles Smith.

Marco Trotta claims his second trial in 2009 — held after the Supreme Court of Canada quashed his murder conviction — should not have been allowed to proceed because of egregious state misconduct.

The Crown, however, is adamant a judge was right to reject a stay of proceedings, and let Trotta stand trial again for the death of eight-month-old Paolo.

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Marco Trotta CARLOS OSORIO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Province to proceed with renewable-energy projects



Energy Minister Chris Bentley says Ontario will proceed with more small-scale renewable-energy projects. ANDREW FRANCIS WALLACE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Ontario Energy Minister Chris Bentley has shrugged off concerns about a looming World Trade Organization ruling that's likely to go against the province's renewable-energy policies.

He did so Tuesday, after announcing that the province will proceed with another 200 megawatts of small-scale renewable-energy projects under the feed-in tariff program that triggered the trade complaint.

The trade ruling, which takes aim at the domestic content requirements in Ontario's green-energy projects, hasn't been made public.

But all the parties in the

dispute, launched against Canada by Japan and the European Union, have seen a draft ruling, and no one is denying it goes against Canada.

Canada's feed-in tariff program pays fixed, above-market rates for power from wind and solar projects. But to qualify for the rates, developers must source minimum amounts of their goods and services in Ontario.

Bentley hinted that the province may be willing to tweak its rules.

"There's a lot of discussion, there are a lot of options," he told reporters Tuesday. "I don't want to get ahead of a body

that hasn't formally issued its ruling."

But he said Ontario — which can ask the federal government to appeal the ruling once it's announced — isn't backing away.

"We believe we were in compliance with our international obligations," he said.

"We've always said it was important to grow the industry — not only to make sure we have clean, green generation but in a way to support Ontario jobs and investment."

"If you look around the world, just about every jurisdiction supports its own jobs and investment."

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Investing in solar power

- **Cost.** Ontario Energy Minister Chris Bentley estimated that building 200 megawatts of solar capacity would require an investment of about \$700 million.
- **Needs of Ontario.** He said the province is trying to be more sensitive to local concerns about the scale and location of renewable-energy projects.

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West Bank. Israeli settlement proposals cause tensions to rise

The Palestinians will ask the UN Security Council to call for an Israeli settlement freeze, President Mahmoud Abbas and his advisers decided Tuesday, as part of an escalating showdown over Israel's new plans to build thousands more homes on war-won land in and around Jerusalem.

Such construction will destroy any lingering hopes of setting up a Palestinian state, Abbas aides warned, as international anger over the settlement construction snowballed.

Israel announced the new plans after the UN last week recognized a state of Palestine in the West Bank, Gaza and east Jerusalem — lands Israel occupied in 1967 — as a non-member observer.

The plans include 3,000 more homes for Jews in the West Bank and east Jerusalem, as well as preparations for construction of an especially sensitive project near Jerusalem, known as E-1.

Separately, Israel is moving forward with two major settlement projects in east Jerusalem. Israel would build more than 4,200 apartments in the

Peace at stake

A Palestinian official says construction would kill peace talks between the two feuding nations.

- Some Palestinian officials have raised the possibility of asking the European Union to reconsider its trade agreements with Israel.

two areas, Ramat Shlomo and Givat Hamatos.

Israeli settlement construction lies at the heart of a four-year breakdown in peace talks, and was a major factor behind the Palestinians' UN statehood bid. Since 1967, half a million Israelis have settled in the West Bank and east Jerusalem.

The Israeli plans for Jerusalem and nearby West Bank areas "are the most dangerous in the history of settlement expansion and apartheid," Abbas and senior members of the PLO and his Fatah movement said in a statement Tuesday evening. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Two versions. U.S. denies captured drone was flying in Iranian airspace

Iran claimed Tuesday it had captured a U.S. drone after it entered Iranian airspace over the Persian Gulf — even showing an image of a purportedly downed craft on state TV — but the U.S. navy said all its unmanned aircraft in the region were "fully accounted for."

The conflicting accounts still leave the possibility that the drone claimed by Iran, a Boeing-designed ScanEagle, could have been plucked from the sea in the past and

Quoted

"The U.S. navy has fully accounted for all unmanned air vehicles operating in the Middle East region"

Cmdr. Jason Salata, U.S. navy

unveiled for maximum effect following escalating tensions over U.S. surveillance missions in the Gulf.

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Protesters chant slogans and wave national flags against President Morsi in Tahrir Square in Cairo on Tuesday. MAYA ALLERUZZO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Protest in Tahrir threatens rule

False spring? Defiant crowds chant against president's seizure of augmented power

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"The same way we brought down Mubarak in 18 days, we can bring down Morsi in less."

Ziad Oleimi, prominent rights activist, speaking to the crowds over loudspeaker

More than 100,000 Egyptians protested outside the presidential palace in Cairo on Tuesday, fuelling tensions over Islamist leader Mohammed Morsi's seizure of nearly unrestricted powers and the adoption by his allies of a controversial draft constitution.

The outpouring of anger across the Egyptian capital, the Mediterranean port of Alexandria and a string of other cities

pointed to a prolonged standoff between the president and a newly united opposition.

Morsi's opponents, long fractured by bickering and competing egos, have been re-energized since he announced decrees last month that place him above oversight of any kind, including by the courts, and provide immunity to two key bodies dominated by his allies: the 100-member panel

drafting the constitution and parliament's upper chamber.

The decrees have led to charges that Morsi's powers turned him into a "new pharaoh."

The large turnout in Tuesday's protests — dubbed "The Last Warning" by organizers — signalled sustained momentum for the opposition, which brought out at least 200,000 protesters to Cairo's Tahrir Square a week ago and a com-

parable number on Friday to demand that Morsi rescind the decrees.

The huge scale of the protests have dealt a blow to the legitimacy of the new constitution, which Morsi's opponents contend allows religious authorities too much influence over legislation, threatens to restrict freedom of expression and opens the door to Islamist control over day-to-day life.

What the revived opposition has yet to make clear is what it will do next: campaign for a "no" vote on the draft constitution in a nationwide referendum set for Dec. 15, or call on Egyptians to boycott the vote. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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Boy and Girl Scouts of Britain may soon welcome atheists

Inclusion. Scouts of each nation set own rules — U.K. already permits other faiths and all sexualities

Atheists could be allowed into Britain's boy and girl scouts after more than a century.

The Scout Association said Tuesday it plans to draft an alternative oath without references to God so that young people who do not have a faith could also join the organization.

The current oath — which will remain in use — reads: "On my honour, I promise that I will do my best, to do my duty to God and to the queen, to help other people and to keep the Scout Law."

The group has offered alternative versions of the words "duty to God" for Muslims, Hindus and Buddhists for over four decades, but there have been no such exceptions made for atheists.

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'Times-a-changin'

Remaining relevant for a century

Wayne Bulpitt, the association's chief commissioner in the U.K., said the group is asking for its members' views on the proposed alternative to keep the group relevant and to encourage membership.

"We are a values-based movement and exploring faith and religion will remain a key element of the Scouting program. That will not change," he said. "However, throughout our 105-year history, we have continued to evolve so that we remain relevant to communities across the U.K."

But he said the group plans to keep its oath to the queen, although non-British citizens living in Britain may pledge duty to "the country in which I am now living."



Scouts from around the world attend the 2007 World Scout Jamboree held in July in Chelmsford, England. GARETH CATTERMOLLE/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Nativity scene booted to private land after 50 years



A woman walks past an atheist sign along Ocean Avenue at Palisades Park in Santa Monica, California. RINGO H.W. CHIU/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Less than a week after a U.S. federal judge ruled Santa Monica has a right to ban religious displays on public land, a Christian group says it will stage its traditional Christmas Nativity scene on private land.

The Los Angeles Times reported the much-debated and litigated display of 14 life-sized figures depicting the birth of Jesus Christ, formerly hosted in Palisades Park, will open Sunday on Ocean Park Boulevard. The scenes are scheduled for

display until early January, said Hunter Jameson, chairman of the Nativity Scenes Committee.

"We are deeply grateful for the use of this new site to allow all of Santa Monica's distinctive Christmas story to continue spreading the message of joy, hope and peace found in the Christ child's birth," he said in a statement.

The atheist group opposing the scene's display on public land praised the decision, saying the scene be-

longs on private land.

"This move is great," Annie Laurie Gaylor of the Freedom From Religion Foundation told the Times. "It does undercut any argument they have that they don't have free expression. Obviously they do."

A lawyer for the Christian group, William Becker, was critical of Monday's decision and pledged to file an appeal, saying the move to private land isn't a resolution.

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Timeline

- Tradition.** The Nativity scenes were erected in Palisades Park for nearly six decades before atheists began erecting their own displays in protest.
- Legal action.** City officials then banned all displays in the park, drawing a lawsuit from proponents of the Christmas displays.

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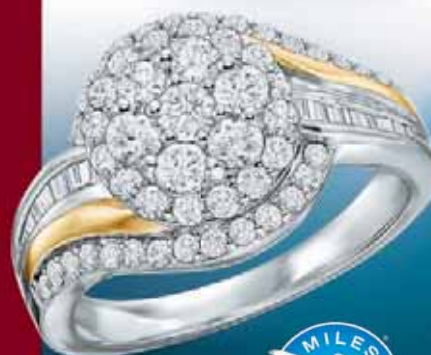
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Not guilty! Soldier, wife share a long embrace

Kandahar blast killed one. Reservist cleared of manslaughter and breach of duty, but he's found guilty on negligence charge

A Canadian reservist has been found not guilty of manslaughter in an Afghan training accident that killed one soldier and injured four others more than two years ago.

A military jury at a court martial in Calgary also acquitted Maj. Darryl Watts of breach of duty.

But the five jurors, all senior officers in the Canadian Forces, convicted him of unlawfully causing bodily harm and negligent performance of military duty.

Quoted

"I feel very strongly in the man's innocence."

Defence lawyer Balfour Der

formance of military duty.

Watts, who stood at attention while the verdict was being read, shared a long embrace with his wife once the court had adjourned.

The courtroom at the Mewata Armoury in Calgary where the trial was held, was jammed with military personnel.

The maximum sentence for unlawfully causing bodily harm is imprisonment of up to 10 years. Negligent performance of duty can bring dismissal with disgrace from the Canadian Forces.

Cpl. Josh Baker died when a Claymore anti-personnel mine loaded with 700 steel balls peppered the platoon on a practice range near Kandahar city in February 2010.

The prosecution had argued that Watts, the platoon leader, turned a blind eye to safety standards and abdicated his duty as a leader when he handed over responsibility to his second-in-command, who was an expert on the weapon.

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Maj. Darryl Watts, pictured heading to court last month, has been found not guilty of manslaughter in a fatal Afghanistan training accident.

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UN aftermath. After big debate, Tories won't cut aid to the Palestinians

The Harper government pledged Tuesday night to preserve millions of dollars in Canadian aid to the Palestinians.

The issue was vigorously discussed during a 90-minute meeting in Ottawa involving Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird, International Co-operation Minister Julian Fantino and four envoys called home for talks.

Baird had recalled them to discuss a response to the Palestinians' new United Nations status.

Baird's spokesperson said Tuesday night that Canada's five-year, \$300-million commitment would be main-

World outsiders

Canada strongly opposed the Palestinians' successful effort last week to win elevated status at the UN.

- **Almost alone.** Canada was one of only nine countries to vote against the Palestinians in the 193-nation General Assembly.

tained when it expires in March. "The current \$300 million commitment will be followed through on," Rick Roth said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Health Canada acts

Food testing lab's licence suspended

Health Canada has yanked the licence of a Toronto-area chemical testing laboratory.

The watchdog says it found falsified results in tests involving medications, natural food products and

food additives. It says in some cases, Chemi Pharmaceutical did not test drug ingredients.

The agency said there is no evidence the health of Canadians has been compromised. Chemi Pharmaceutical did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

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Police investigate after a head was found in an alley in Edmonton last month. Four men have been arrested in three different murder cases in Alberta and Saskatchewan, including one in which the victim was decapitated. JESSE WHITNACK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Alta. members of 'White Boy Posse' charged in murders

Sensationalized crimes. Four gang members charged in three homicides, one in which the victim was decapitated

Four members of an organized crime group known as the White Boy Posse have been charged in three separate murders in Alberta and Saskatchewan, including one in which a head was found in an Edmonton alley.

The head was found by a woman out for a walk on Oct. 25. The decapitated remains of Robert John Roth had been discovered less than a week earlier and 100 kilometres away near

Saskatoon mom killed

"This was a tragic crime that left a husband without his wife and four children without their mother."

Saskatoon police Chief Clive Weighill, speaking about Lorry Santos, 34, who was shot and killed in September when she answered the door of her Saskatoon home to strangers.

the Alberta town of Ranfurly.

"It was significant," Insp. Jerry Scott with the Alberta RCMP's serious crimes branch said Tuesday.

Scott said police stepped up their investigation once they realized what they faced. The gang had been on their radar for a few years.

"We were very cognizant of who we were dealing with and the public safety matters."

Randy James Wayne O'Hagan, 22, of Lloydminster, Alta., and Nikolas Jon Nowitzkyj, 32, of Wainwright, Alta., have been charged with first-degree murder and offering an indignity to a human body.

Ranfurly residents said at the time of the initial discovery that Roth's remains were found in a ditch next to a running pickup truck. The victim was 54 years old and lived in Lloydminster.

O'Hagan, along with Kyle Darren Halbauer, 22, also of Lloydminster, is as well facing charges in the death of another man. Bryan Gower's body was found on a rural road near Kitscoty, Alta., in September.

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Crime kingpin assassinated in Dublin; Real IRA blamed

A senior figure in Ireland's criminal underworld was chased down the street and shot to death Tuesday near his Dublin home, two years after surviving a similar assassination bid, in the latest chapter of a long-running feud involving Irish Republican Army die-hards.

Eamon Kelly, a 65-year-old gang chief dubbed "The Godfather" by Dublin's tabloid press, was shot up to six times as he fled from a lone gunman in northeast Dublin, a police detective told The Associated Press. The Real IRA paramilitary group was suspected of being behind the hit.

Kelly's crime empire has been increasingly at odds with Real IRA figures, who in recent years have demanded a slice of the gangsters' drug-trafficking profits in exchange for not killing them or burning down their business fronts.

In September 2010, a Real IRA man tried to shoot Kelly outside his home, but the gun jammed. The would-be killer initially walked away, then ran back to the cowering Kelly to try again, pressing the gun to his temple, but the gun jammed again.

Authorities believe Kelly's side exacted its revenge two months ago, killing the Real



A member of the Real Irish Republican Army THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRA leader in Dublin, Alan Ryan, who received a full paramilitary funeral including gunshots over his casket.

But on Tuesday, the detective said, a suspected two-man Real IRA team again was waiting for Kelly to leave his home. One gunman got out of the car, chased Kelly down the street, shot him in the back and head, then jumped back in the getaway car with a police unit in hot pursuit. The attackers abandoned the car and tried to escape on foot, but officers chased down and tackled one of them.

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More about 'The Godfather'

Police allege Eamon Kelly was a leading member of a gang that robbed banks and armoured-car cash shipments in Dublin in the 1980s and became a pioneer of Ireland's burgeoning cocaine trade.

- In 1993, he became Ireland's first crime kingpin to be convicted of possessing cocaine and received a 14-year prison sentence.
- Since leaving prison a decade ago, Kelly has overseen a sharp rise in tit-for-tat violence, according to authorities.
- Police allege that his long-time deputy, Eamon "the Don" Dunne, oversaw at least 17 murders from 2005 to his own death in 2010, when he was shot eight times in the head as he sat drinking in a Dublin pub.
- Gangland killings today are regular occurrences in working-class parts of Dublin and the southwest city of Limerick.

New hearing

Barack Obama's uncle not being deported yet

U.S. President Barack Obama's uncle in Massachusetts is getting a new deportation hearing. Onyango Obama is from Kenya and was ordered by an immigration judge to leave the United States in 1992. An Immigration spokesman won't say what triggered the recent decision. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Smuggling suspicions

Guard charged with smuggling bales of Mexico pot

A U.S. federal criminal complaint says border patrol agent Aaron Anaya was at work Sunday in southwest Arizona when he stopped along the international border. The complaint says people in Mexico dropped bales of marijuana over the fence, and Anaya loaded them in his car. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Times Square station

Couple argued before husband's subway murder

The wife of a New York City man who was pushed onto subway tracks to his death by a mumbling stranger says she and her husband had argued before the tragedy. Ki-Suck Han of Queens died at a hospital shortly after being hit by a train Monday at the Times Square subway station. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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John McAfee seeks asylum in Guatemala

On the lam. Founder of anti-virus firm says he fled Belize fearing death in police custody

Software company founder John McAfee has surfaced in public for the first time in weeks, saying on Tuesday that he plans to ask for asylum in Guatemala because he fears persecution in Belize.

McAfee spoke to The Associated Press in a restaurant near a high-end hotel where he is staying in Guatemala City after sneaking out of neighbouring Belize. Police in Belize have called him a person of interest in the November slaying of a fellow American expat.

McAfee says he is being persecuted by the Belizean government and has sensitive information about official corruption in the country where

Real-world security

"I need a safe place where I can actually speak out."

Anti-virus company founder John McAfee

he lived in a compound guarded by aggressive dogs and armed guards.

"Now that I'm here, I can speak freely. I can speak openly," McAfee said.

He said he plans to petition the Guatemalan government to allow him to stay. He added that he fears he will be killed if he turns himself in for questioning in Belize.

"Belize does not have a good track record of providing safety when they ask to question you," he said. "I felt much more secure crossing the border into a country that had laws that were backed by the justice system."

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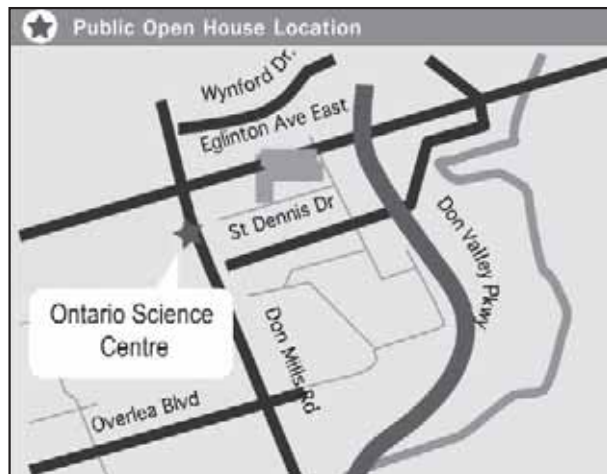


John McAfee, left, with his lawyer, Telesforo Guerra, answers questions at a restaurant in Guatemala City on Tuesday. MOISES CASTILLO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Royal Family. Boy or girl, Kate's baby will take the throne: U.K. government

The business of monarchy has always been stacked in favour of men. Not any more — or so the British government promises.

The first child of Prince William and his wife, Kate, will be born a king or a queen in waiting, under changes to succession rules designed to overturn centuries of tradition and give royal daughters the same rights as sons.

Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg pledged on Tuesday that the law on succession would be changed at the "earliest opportunity." He said "whether the baby is a boy or a girl, they will have an equal claim to the throne."

"Born to rule, be it a boy or a girl" proclaimed the Daily Mail, which noted that the baby had "already made royal and constitutional history" even before it is born.

Not so fast, caution others. A royal saga needs a touch of uncertainty, and experts point out that despite politicians' promises, the law giving males primacy in succession has not yet been changed — and the clock is ticking.



Prince William leaves a hospital in London on Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"We know that the wishes of politicians are written in water," said royal historian Robert Lacey. "Law only becomes law when the law is made — and the law has not been made."

Last year, the leaders of Britain and the 15 former colonies that have the queen as their head of state informally agreed to establish new rules giving female children equal status with males in the order of succession — something that will require legal changes in each country.

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Stay curious

NASA hopes to send Curiosity clone to Mars

NASA says it wants to launch another mega-rover to Mars modelled on the wildly popular Curiosity.

The space agency said Tuesday that the spacecraft will be built from Curiosity's spare parts. It would use the novel landing system that got the car-size rover to Mars in August.

The new mission, estimated to cost about \$1.5 billion, is scheduled for 2020. But the rover's exact purpose in the mission hasn't been hashed out yet. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Magnetosphere

Scientists discover radioactive chirps from the cosmos

Twin spacecraft have captured the clearest sounds yet from Earth's radiation belts — and they mimic the chirping of birds.

NASA's Van Allen Probes have been exploring the radiation belts surrounding Earth for just three months. But already, they've collected measurements of high-energy particles and radio waves in unprecedented detail.

The chorus has been audible before, however; ham radio operators could sometimes hear it decades ago. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



A lion cub sleeps at a South African nature reserve. But outside its safe confines, there's a nightmare situation for the proud species across the continent as ever-encroaching humans take over the lions' habitat.

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Human tide pushes lions out of the savannahs

A lost homeland. Fifty years ago, 100,000 lions roamed Africa; now there are just 32,000, says report

Pity the king of beasts.

The lions that roam Africa's savannahs have lost as much as 75 per cent of their habitat in the last 50 years, says a new study.

Humans are overtaking their land and the lion population is dwindling, says the study, released Tuesday.

Fifty years ago, nearly 100,000 lions roamed across the African continent.

But researchers at Duke University say the number of lions across the continent has dropped to as few as 32,000.

"Lion numbers have declined precipitously in the last century," says the study, published by the journal Bio-

Dire statistics

Five countries in Africa have likely lost their lions, the report says.

- **The top nine.** Only nine countries contain at least 1,000 lions.
- **The top homeland.** Tanzania has more than 40 per cent of the continent's lions, the Duke report says.

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"The situation in West Africa is particularly dire, with no large population remaining and lions now absent from many of the region's national parks."

In recent years, an ever-growing human population has come into the savannah lands to settle and develop — pushing out the lions.

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Elephants slaughtered

Mounted gangs in poaching carnage

Cameroon's dwindling elephant population is being decimated by heavily armed gangs of international ivory poachers, says the World Wide Fund for Nature.

Tighter security has been mounted because intelligence shows two gangs of poachers from Sudan are heading for the area, WWF

Cameroon conservation director Hanson Njiforti said Tuesday.

Already this year, poachers travelled 1,000 kilometres on horseback from Sudan to reach northern Cameroon's Bouda Ndjida National Park, where they killed more than 300 elephants in two months. Eighty per cent of the park's elephant population was wiped out.

The high demand for ivory in Asia is fuelling the trade. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rescuer accused of dognapping

For pet owners, it's often heartbreaking.

Families come home to find their dogs have vanished from inside houses, behind locked fences and outdoor kennels in rural communities east of Albuquerque, N.M.

But officials say there's been a break in the case.

A woman was arrested and accused of stealing two pit bulls — and then throwing them from her moving car as the dogs' owner gave chase.

Missing dogs

60

Officials estimate 60 dogs have gone missing in the area over the last few years.

And officials now think they have confirmed longstanding suspicions the missing pets were victims of an overzealous animal rescuer turned serial dognapper.

"It really cracked the case," Edgewood animal con-

trol officer Mike Ring said of the arrest of Debbie Swenerton, 59.

Authorities think she stole dogs and then took them to shelters and said they were strays in need of adoption.

Ring said he suspects Swenerton could be part of a network of local activists concerned about the treatment of animals in rural areas, where many dogs are tied up, live outside or are allowed to roam freely.

Swenerton's attorney,

Quinn Kirby, called the allegations ridiculous.

"It is outrageous to suggest that someone like her would do something so heinous as to throw a dog out the window of a moving car."

Barbara Tellier, a friend of Swenerton's who runs the Alliance Against Animal Abuse Inc., said she believes Swenerton is being set up by officials in a county where animal abuse is rampant and officials don't care.

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Reconsider rocket launch, UN chief urges North Korea

Ballistic-missile program. Pyongyang announced Monday it planned to launch a satellite sometime between Dec. 10 and 22



A satellite image shows the Sohae Satellite Launch Station in North Korea. DIGITALGLOBE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

condemnation.

Ban also called on the North to re-establish a moratorium on missile launches, as required by the Security Council, Nesirky said.

The secretary general, a former South Korean foreign minister, renewed his call on North Korean authorities "to work towards building confidence with neighbouring countries and improving the life of its people," he said.

"He reaffirms his commitment to working for peace and stability on the Korean peninsula and helping the people in the DPRK," Nesirky said, using the initials of the country's official name, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The United States considers North Korea's rocket launches to be veiled covers for tests of technology for long-range missiles designed to strike the United States.

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Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon strongly urged North Korea on Tuesday to reconsider its decision to launch a rocket which would be "a clear violation" of UN sanctions.

The UN chief also urged Pyongyang to suspend all activities related to its ballistic-missile program, UN spokesman Martin Nesirky said.

The UN Security Council has imposed two rounds of sanctions on North Korea following its nuclear tests and a 2009 resolution orders the country not to conduct any launch using ballistic missile

technology.

"Such a launch would also heighten tension in the region," Ban's spokesman said.

It would be North Korea's second launch attempt under leader Kim Jong Un, who took power following his father Kim Jong Il's death nearly a year ago. The embarrassing misfire of its last rocket eight months ago earned the country widespread international

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Indonesia. Divorced via text message, second wife, 17, 'not a virgin'

Hundreds of Indonesians rallied Tuesday to demand a district chief's resignation after revelations of his text-message divorce to a teenage girl four days after their marriage.

The incident has sparked public outrage.

Aceng Fikri, chief of Garut District in West Java province, took 17-year-old Fani Oktora as his second wife in July.

But Fikri, 40, quickly divorced her via a short text message, alleging Oktora was not a virgin when they married as he had expected. He said he spent about \$26,000 on the wedding.

Students and rights activists in Garut spit and trampled on pictures of Fikri on Tuesday before burning them outside the local council building.

It was the second consecutive day of protests against Fikri, whose case came into the spotlight last week after a picture was posted on the Internet.

On Monday, dozens of people rallied in front of his house and the council building.

Divorce by text

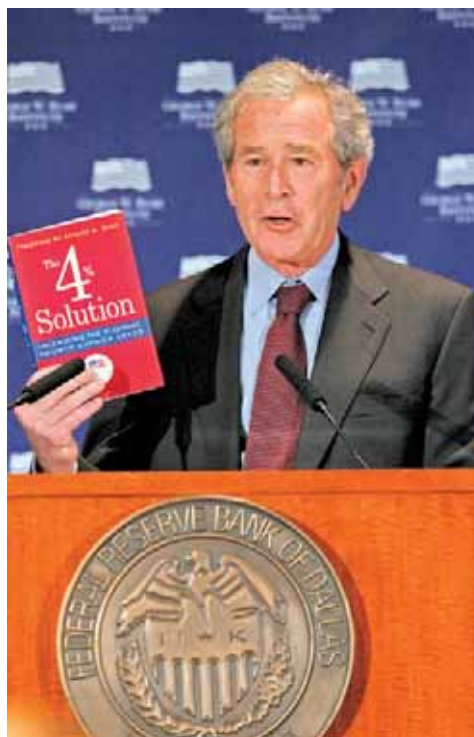
Some Muslims believe in an Islamic ritual allowing men to end a marriage by telling their wives they divorce them. However, divorce by text message is uncommon in moderate Indonesia.

Late Tuesday, the local council issued a recommendation for Fikri's dismissal, but the process will have to wait for a verdict by the Supreme Court.

Also on Tuesday, Oktora, accompanied by her lawyers, filed a complaint with police in the capital, Jakarta, accusing Fikri of domestic violence by holding her captive after the wedding and fraudulence for declaring that he was a widower.

A lawyer representing Fikri said they would file a complaint of defamation against Oktora, whom he said had signed an agreement saying she would not complain about the marriage.

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Bush talks immigration

Former U.S. President George W. Bush holds up a book Tuesday as he gives opening remarks at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas for a conference titled Immigration and 4% Growth: How Immigrants grow the U.S. Economy. The conference was in Dallas. LM OTERO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

California. Judge upholds ban on therapy to change sexual orientation

For the second time in two days, a federal judge in California has issued a decision on the state's first-of-its-kind law prohibiting licensed psychotherapists from trying to change the sexual orientations of gay minors.

U.S. District Judge Kimberly Mueller issued a ruling Tuesday that will allow the ban on "conversion" therapy to take effect on January 1.

Her ruling came in a lawsuit filed by four counsellors, two families, a professional

organization for practitioners and a Christian therapist group seeking to overturn the law.

On Monday night, Mueller's colleague, U.S. District Judge William Shubb, handed down a somewhat competing ruling.

Shubb granted a request by two mental health providers and a former patient to be immune from the law until their lawsuit seeking to overturn it on U.S. First Amendment grounds can be heard next year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tuscan vineyard

16,500 gallons of prized wine lost

It's suspected that vandals have dumped almost the entire 2007-2012 production of one of Italy's most sought-after wines Soldera Brunello di Montalcino. Vineyard owner Giuseppe Soldera said Tuesday only "a little bit" remained of the production, and he wasn't sure what he would do with it. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

North Carolina

Warden investigated

The warden at a prison in the U.S. state of North Carolina where six inmates allege correctional officers forced them to rub hot sauce on their genitals has been suspended pending the outcome of an investigation. A second employee also has been reassigned.

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Calgary author wins Bad Sex in Fiction award

Infrared. Huston's steamy novel revolves around a photographer who takes pictures of her lovers during sex



Author Nancy Huston

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It's the prize no author wants to win. Award-winning Calgary-born novelist Nancy Huston won Britain's Bad Sex in Fiction award Tuesday for her novel *Infrared* — a tale of a photographer who takes pictures of her lovers during sex that proved too revealing for the judges.

The choice was announced by Downton Abbey actress Samantha Bond during a ceremony at the Naval & Military Club in London.

Judges of the tongue-in-cheek prize — which is

run by the Literary Review magazine — said they were struck by a description of "flesh, that archaic kingdom that brings forth tears and terrors, nightmares, babies

and bedazzlements," and by a long passage that builds to a climax of "undulating space."

Huston, who lives in Paris, was not on hand to collect her prize. In a statement read by her publicist, the 59-year-old author said she hoped her victory would "incite thousands of British women to take close-up photos of their lovers' bodies in all states of array and disarray."

Huston, who writes in both French and English, is the author of more than a dozen novels, including *Plainsong* and *Fault Lines*. She has previously won France's Prix Goncourt prize and was a finalist for Britain's Orange Prize for fiction by women.

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Swinging in the Big Apple

Max Fauconnier swings alone during a preview of Ann Hamilton's multimedia art installation *The Event of a Thread* on Tuesday at the Park Avenue Armory in New York. BEBETO MATTHEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Who's the daddy?

Court orders paternity test

A French court on Tuesday ordered a paternity test for a multimillionaire who former justice minister Rachida Dati claims fathered her nearly 4-year-old daughter. The alleged father is legally entitled to refuse.

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Higher learning

Harvard gives the OK to sex group

Kinky sex has been admitted to Harvard.

America's oldest university has formally recognized Harvard College Munch, a group promoting discussions and safe practices of kinky and alternative sex.

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Pizza perfume

Pizza Hut puts scent in a bottle

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The idea for the fragrance began as a Facebook joke, said the company's ad agency Grip Limited.

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Quebec Premier Pauline Marois walks in front of the Quebec and Olympic flags Tuesday at the legislature in Quebec City. A motion to remove the Canadian flag had been rejected a few minutes before and still the flag wasn't up.
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PQ loses bid to take down Canada's flag

Quebec flag flap. The Maple Leaf will remain in the Red Room of the national assembly

The Maple Leaf is staying put in one of the main rooms at Quebec's national assembly.

An attempt by the Parti

Quebecois to remove the Canadian flag failed Tuesday, with the two main opposition parties voting to defeat the minority government.

That means the flag will continue to adorn what is known as the Red Room of the legislature.

The room once housed Quebec's now-defunct upper chamber and is still used for

legislative committees and ceremonies like a cabinet swearing-in.

The flag has never stood in the legislature in either of the previous two eras that the pro-independence party held office. This time the PQ's intentions prompted a backlash, with the party receiving criticism in both social and news media. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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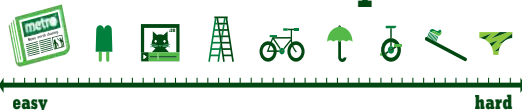
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Ottawa

BoC maintains
interest rates will
need to rise

The Bank of Canada is holding fast to its view that the economy is poised for a comeback and that interest rates will need to rise at some point in the future.

The central bank offered no surprises in its Tuesday interest rate announcement, keeping the policy setting rate at one per cent

for the 18th consecutive announcement date.

Bank governor Mark Carney kept in place his future guidance that in all likelihood rates are more likely to rise in the future than fall, or even stay the same.

"Although underlying momentum appears slightly softer than previously anticipated, the pace of economic growth is expected to pick up through 2013," the bank said in its policy statement. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Calgary

Canadian Pacific
to cut 4,500 jobs

Canadian Pacific says it will eliminate some 4,500 jobs by 2016 and expects more than a third of those cuts to come by year-end as the struggling railroad works to bring down its operating costs. The Calgary-based company said reductions will be achieved through job cuts, attrition and reducing contractors.

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CFIB report. Five extra
public sector sick days
cost up to \$3.5B yearly

A new report suggests public sector employees in Canada take nearly five more sick, disability and personal days per year than Canadians working in the private sector.

The Canadian Federation of Independent Business says those extra days cost up to \$3.5 billion per year, noting some public sector workers can bank unused sick days, then take a lump-sum payment or use the days to retire early.

The CFIB says federal government employees take the most time off, averaging 15.2 sick, disability and personal days per year compared to 12.9 days in the overall public sector and 8.2 days in the overall private sector.

In its report, the CFIB calls for sick day allotments to be aligned with those offered in the private sector and for the accumulation of unused sick days to be discontinued. "I don't think anybody

Private sector figures

6.7

Employees in businesses with fewer than 20 employees averaged 6.7 days off, while those in firms with more than 500 employees took 9.1 days, which is still lower than the public sector average.

believes that public sector workers just get sick more often, yet something makes them feel entitled to more time off," said CFIB president and CEO Dan Kelly.

"Obviously, we want to be compassionate when people are truly not well, but the current system has entrenched a feeling of entitlement to those days off that has very little to do with being sick.

"We need to change the system so everybody's playing by the same rules."

THE CANADIAN PRESSCameron warns editors to
take action on press regulator

Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron meets children at a primary school in London on Tuesday. Earlier, Cameron warned newspaper editors they must act quickly to set up an independent press regulator in the wake of a media ethics scandal. **NEIL HALL/PA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Banking. BMO to focus on growing
overhauled operations in U.S.

The Bank of Montreal has set its sights on growing its U.S. business, it said Tuesday after spending more than a year overhauling and revamping the operations.

BMO chief executive Bill Downe said the bank is launching a massive advertising blitz now that the integration of Milwaukee-based

Marshall and Ilsley Corp. is complete.

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NHL lockout causing both pain and gain for businesses, report finds

Host cities. Drinking establishments near arenas hardest hit as fans spend elsewhere

The NHL lockout is forcing some merchants near hockey arenas into the penalty box but giving power plays to others further afield as fans spend their money at alternative eating and drinking holes, says a report issued Tuesday.

The report by credit and debit card processor Moneris found that overall spending at venues near arenas in Winnipeg, Vancouver, Toronto, Montreal and Calgary has decreased more than 11 per cent from a year ago on a game day.

Drinking establishments are being hit the hardest with business falling nearly 35 per cent. Restaurants are taking a nearly 11 per cent hit, followed by fast-food outlets which are down almost seven per cent compared to a game day in 2011.

Edmonton fast food outlets are facing the largest impact with business falling 27 per cent.

Spending near Montreal's Bell Centre is down more than 21 per cent, followed by a 17 per cent drop in business near Toronto's Air Canada Centre.

Merchants away from



Pedestrians walk past the Air Canada Centre in this file photo. A report by Moneris found that while spending near hockey venues has dropped since the lockout began, merchants away from arenas have benefited. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

arenas, however, have been benefiting from the 11-week labour dispute, with spending up 5.4 per cent from a game day in 2011.

"While overall spending at establishments near hockey arenas is down, it would appear that Canadians are simply choosing to stick closer to home," said president and CEO Jim Baumgartner.

Spending in bars further afield is up nearly 19 per cent while fast food business grew 11.5 per cent and was up nearly five per cent in restaurants, in line with overall spending increases in the third quarter.

Moneris surveyed the

game day spending of about 750 of its customers in the hockey host cities.

"The ones that were affected very heavily are the ones that are in the same two postal codes as the arenas," vice-president Malcolm Fowler said in an interview.

Molson Coors Brewing Co. and owners of the La Cage aux Sports chain have both recently noted that the labour dispute has reduced revenues.

As a league sponsor, Molson Coors said it will seek financial redress from the NHL once the dispute is resolved.

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Lockout impact

27% Edmonton fast food outlets are facing the largest impact with business falling 27 per cent.

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She: You know, Hon, I really think we should bite the bullet and buy an artificial tree this year. Those real trees are so messy. They drop all their needles and are full of bugs. Squirrels, too, maybe.

He: The trouble with artificial trees is that they look as if they were put together on craft day at kindergarten using toilet brushes and spray paint.

She: That's not true! The new ones are pretty nice and they come with lights. All you have to do is take them out of the box, plug them in and voila: instant Christmas.

He: I try to stay away from anything with the word 'instant' in it: Instant coffee ... instant mashed potatoes.

She: But real trees are so expensive. To get one that looks any good, you have to spend at least \$50.

He: The only artificial ones that look any good at all cost seven or eight hundred bucks. At that

The pine needle in my side

"The only artificial ones that look any good at all cost seven or eight hundred bucks. At that price, it will take an eternity of instant Christmases to amortize the cost."

price, it will take an eternity of instant Christmases to amortize the cost.

Sound of quaint landline ringing.

Offspring: Hi Daddy! What's up?

He: Hi. Your mother is lobbying for an artificial tree again this year.

Offspring: Nooooo! It wouldn't be Christmas. The Geneva Convention specifically calls for a real tree to be sacrificed as a solstice offering. Have you called the Xmas police?

He: Not yet. She does make a certain amount of sense about the mess, which I end up cleaning up every year. And it's harder now because I have to toss the old tree over the balcony.

Offspring: Don't be silly, Daddy. You can get one of those noble firs. They don't lose their needles until Easter and only cost \$100 or so.

He: Is that all?

Offspring: And you get to save Christmas. I know I can count on you, Daddy. Gotta run! Ciao!

She: Was that our daughter?

He: Yes. She accused you of trying to ruin Christmas.

She: Same old, same old. By the way, I've been

thinking: We could get one of those Charlie Brown trees from

Ikea. I think they come free with a dozen meatballs.

He: I believe that's Lillie Karl in Sweden. And his dog is called Snobben. At

least there would be no place for the bugs to hide.

She: You can't help showing off, can you?

He: So where do you think the tree should go this year?



Road bump in the baby lodge



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Royal pregnancy

Police not fooled by princely mask

A man wearing a Prince William, Duke of Cambridge, mask is escorted away by a policeman at the King Edward VII hospital in London, England. Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, remains in hospital after Monday's announcement of her pregnancy and the fact she is suffering from hyperemesis gravidarum or acute morning sickness. **METRO**

#royalbaby

Messages from the womb, under 140 characters

This man isn't the only royal impostor caught up in baby-mania. Spoof Twitter accounts of the unborn child are getting attention.

"CURRENT STATUS: DARK IN HERE, WILL UPDATE," tweeted @RoyalFoetus, which has 6,800+ followers. A rival, @RoyalFetus (10,000+ followers), said: "I may not have bones yet, but I'm already more important than everyone reading this." **METRO**

What are the odds?

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Bettors in Britain have a range of possible wagers from betting agencies William Hill, Ladbrokes and Paddy Power. Paddy Power will give you 8-1 odds for betting on twins; 100-1 for triplets; and for quadruplets or more you'll get 500-1 odds.

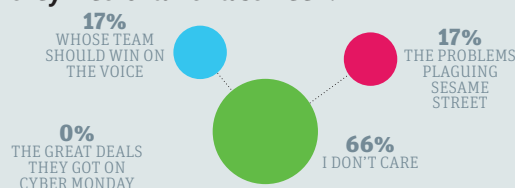
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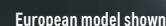
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On top of the cheesy charts

Barry Manilow has become just the fifth artist to score 50 hits on Billboard's Adult Contemporary chart. The sentimental performer entered the rarified mix thanks to a cushy rendition of Santa Claus Is Coming to Town off his new Christmas album. As any Fanilow worth their One Night Live! One Last Time! concert tee could tell you, it's been four decades since the romantic balladeer first cracked the easy listening chart in November of 1974 with Mandy (the first of 13 of Manilow's ditties that would soar to No. 1 on the chart). We cosy up with the AC music titans voted most easy on the ears.

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Johnny Mathis

AC chart appearances: 49

While just one chart appearance shy of an official 50 entries club membership, this velvet voiced crooner pioneered the greatest hits album format. 1958's Johnny's Greatest Hits was the first time a record was marketed with the popular moniker and would also earn Mathis a spot in the Guinness Book of World Records for its chart longevity. The LP managed to stay in Billboard's top 100 albums listing for a whopping 490 consecutive weeks. Pink Floyd's Dark Side of the Moon would eventually eclipse it. Easy Listening Cred: Chances Are, It's Not for Me to Say, Too Much Too Little Too Late.



Elvis Presley

AC chart appearances: 53

You can thank the king, and thank him very much for assuring that the rhythm and blues, rock and roll and gospel charts got all shook up during his reign from the 1950s through the '70s until his untimely passing.

While his hip-swiveling swagger and pelvic predilections on stage enamoured the youth of his day, Elvis was a genre-straddling juggernaut and choice selections culled from his softer more sensitive material still work wonderfully as retro wedding songs or make-out session mood setters. Easy Listening Cred: Can't Help Falling in Love, Suspicious Minds, It's Now or Never.



Neil Diamond

AC chart appearances: 58

While millennials know this jazzy vocalist as the guy who sings Sweet Caroline, Diamond has written a treasure trove of soft rock gems.

He's sold over 125 million records during his five decades on the scene.

Now in his early 70s, the veteran showman has entered the lifetime achievement phase of his career. In just the past couple of years, he became a Kennedy Center Honoree, got his name etched on the Hollywood's Walk of Fame and was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Easy Listening Cred: America, Heartlight, Forever in Blue Jeans.



Elton John

AC chart appearances: 68

In high school, this bespectacled pop piano prodigy should have been voted "most likely to be heard in an animated movie."

With lyricist Bernie Taupin in tow, the rocket man launched one hit after the other into radio orbit since Your Song off his sophomore album cracked the top 10 in 1970.

While the Bennie and the Jets singer has made numerous contributions to the classic rock canon, many of his ivory tickling confections crossover into elevator friendly territory. Easy Listening Cred: Candle in the Wind, Can you Feel the Love Tonight, Don't Let the Sun Go Down On Me.



Barbra Streisand

AC chart appearances: 64

Trends, smrends, Babs eschewed 'em all, including rhinoplasty, fearing a nose job would ruin her voice. Never following suit with the hipsters of her heyday, Streisand was adult contemporary long before the term was coined.

She got her start on Broadway at 19, garnering a Tony nomination for her portrayal of Miss Marmelstein in the Great Depression set musical I Can Get It For You Wholesale.

This holiday season, catch Streisand opposite Seth Rogen in the mother-son buddy flick, The Guilt Trip. Easy Listening Cred: People, The Way We Were, You Don't Bring Me Flowers (duet with Neil Diamond).

2 SCENE



Phillip Phillips doesn't want to be a stereotype. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Idol winner finds Home with strong debut album

Top 10 hit. Singer trying to continue star power past TV competition

With the success of his debut single, *Home*, Phillip Phillips isn't just the dude who won *American Idol*. He's the dude with that folk-rock hit, according to the fans he's met.

"People are like, 'You're the guy with the song *Home*,' and I'm like, 'Yeah, yeah.' They say ... 'So do you have any other music out?' I'm like, 'There are some covers.' 'What from?' I say, 'American Idol.' 'You were on *American Idol*?' he recalled.

"There was a lot of people who didn't even know I was on *Idol*," he continued. "I think that's cool."

The star power for winners on *Idol* — or other singing competitions on TV — don't usually continue after the season's run, but Phillips is hoping he won't be one of those stereotypes, thanks to the success of his multiplatinum Top 10 hit and debut album, *The World From the Side of the Moon*, which debuted at No. 4 on *Billboard*'s 200 albums chart this week after selling 169,011 units, according to Nielsen SoundScan.

The song — the only one he didn't write or co-write on the

album — also got a boost when it was used in commercials for the *Fierce Five*, the five American female gymnasts who scored gold during the Olympics.

The 22-year-old talked about his music, being laid-back and the insta-family and friends who have surfaced since he won the *Idol* crown in an interview with *The Associated Press*.

What do you think of the comparisons of *Home* to Mumford & Sons' music?

People are always gonna compare somebody to somebody else, but I think when people hear the album, it's not gonna remind them of Mumford & Sons too much because I'm a little more rock and, you know, they're very folk and they're amazing. ... I think once they hear this album, it's gonna turn their heads a little bit.

Most *Idol* winners haven't had success like Kelly Clarkson or Carrie Underwood. Does that make you nervous?

I mean, if it doesn't do well, it wasn't meant to do well ... I'd be upset for a little bit, but it's just what it's meant to be. I can only hope for the best. I can't make anybody do anything. I'm nervous about it definitely, but all I can do is hope that it does well.

What do you think of the new *Idol* judges?

I'm curious to see how they're gonna judge and to see what they're looking for. Keith Urban is an amazing musician so that'll be cool to have him.

How's your health? (Phillips had major kidney surgery when he won *Idol* this year.)

I'm doing great. I'm tired, but staying busy. This reminds me, I have to get a doctor's checkup.

You were so low-key about your health issues while on the show. Was that intentional?

I didn't want people to feel sorry for me or anything on the show or vote for me for sympathy or anything like that, so I tried to keep it on the DL as much as I could, but the show likes that kind of stuff and they said, 'We're gonna put it (out),' and I can't really say no because I signed some papers that they could show just about what they wanted to. So, yeah, I tried to keep it as low-key as possible.

Do you find a lot of people came out of the woodwork after seeing you on *Idol*?

People that were saying they were cousins and good friends with my friend's friend ... I'm like, "Nice to meet you finally."

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Living with an alien

Remember that wisecracking fur-ball who looked like a cross between an ewok and an aardvark? ALF, the surly man-child from planet Melmac who crashed through the Tanner family's garage in 1986, is getting a reboot. Jordan Kerner, the producer behind *The Smurfs*' big screen revival last year, is pulling the strings on a Sony Pictures CG/live action feature film. While living with an alien may have a couple minor drawbacks, for the most part extraterrestrials of the friendly persuasion make enviable housemates.

The Housekeeper: Clark "Kal-El" Kent (Smallville)

Pencil Superman in every slot on the chore wheel and there won't be any complaints. The Kryptonian could fold laundry, do the dishes, sweep the floor, and mow the lawn during a commercial break. He'd also be a great camping buddy. If the beers got warm, he could just blow his frosty breath on them and they'd be ice cold, and there would never be any problems starting a fire — hello heat vision. His super strength would also come in handy when that stubborn pickle jar refused to open or you needed to rearrange furniture.



The Tutor: Spock (Star Trek)

The Starship Enterprise's pointy-eared science officer could handle a litany of brain straining drudgery from that spreadsheet your boss asked for to bookkeeping and your nephew's math assignment without breaking a sweat. There would be no drama either, as Vulcans don't lie and passive aggression is illogical. But be careful if this becomes a long-term arrangement. Every seven years Vulcans experience the need to mate, known as "pon farr", so you'd be advised to take the girlfriend on vacation when his primal urges begin to manifest.



The Wingman: Dr. Who (Dr. Who)

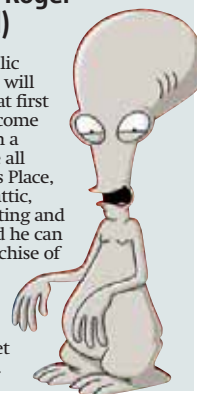
Slinky supermodels somewhere in the space-time continuum are bound to consider you to be a studly specimen. Even if you strikeout, the



Timelord could grant you a couple do-overs before your desperate measures start ripping the very fabric of space and time. If you've got a cramped crib, using the TARDIS (the 1960s-style London police box which functions as the doc's spaceship and is a lot bigger on the inside than it appears on the outside) as a storage solution would be a real mod style statement.

The Bartender: Roger (American Dad)

Sure, his hydrocephalic noggin and E.T. arms will have guests fainting at first sight, but once they come to and he pours them a couple drinks, it'll be all good. His bar, Roger's Place, in the Smith family attic, often doubles as plotting and scheming central and he can easily open up a franchise of the watering-hole in your home. And everybody knows more plotting and scheming is the secret to a life less ordinary.



The Rainmaker: The Great Gazoo (The Flintstones)

It'd be easy to get past the incessant "dumb dumb," taunts when this insouciant little green floating man's magic is working for you. Maybe he can even make Betty Rubble real for a couple hours so you can finally strike that Bedrock fantasy off your list. You may want to keep your chit-chat to a minimum when you're out in public with the guy, as the only people who can see him are those who believe in him.



The Entertainer: Mork from Ork (Mork & Mindy)



The bushy haired Orkan with the rainbow suspenders can be relied on to kill at a dinner party. While his zany antics — like drinking water with his finger and wearing clothes backwards — are enough to keep a party in stitches, his otherworldly schtick is also laced with witty cultural references, allowing for a hilarious blend of both low and highbrow yuks.



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Is Gerard Butler a pro bad decision maker?

New movie. Richard Crouse tries to look at the brighter spots in the actor's career with another romantic comedy waiting in the wings



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Are there five more terrifying words in the English language than: new Gerard Butler romantic comedy? Butler is a good actor who makes lots of bad movies, but his track record in the rom com department is particularly dire.

Critics hate these movies, calling the handsome Scottish actor's attempts at mixing love and comedy "instantly grating," and "embarrassingly limited." Only Katherine Heigl (Butler's co-star in *The Ugly Truth*, called "ugly-ass crap" by Rolling Stone) has a worse track record.

This weekend he stars in *Playing for Keeps*, the true story of a former sports star who pulls his life together through romance and, let's hope, comedy.

The reviews have yet to come in for *Playing for Keeps*, but let's hope it breaks his rom com track record and delivers some mushy, funny fun.

Rather than dwell on the bad stuff, in this column I'll look at his more interesting performances — and no, that Jennifer Aniston movie won't be included.

Butler became famous in 2002, with big roles in *Reign*



Playing for Keeps, starring Gerard Butler, opens this weekend. HANDOUT

Slammed in the press

A few years ago the website Gawker placed Butler on movie star probation, calling him a "professional bad decision maker."

of *Fire and Ice* and *Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life*, opposite Angelina Jolie. Then he developed into a crossover star, taking roles in everything from sci-fi flicks (*Timeline*), to musicals (*The Phantom of the Opera*) and even a rendering of the Anglo-Saxon

epic poem *Beowulf* (*Beowulf & Grendel*).

The film that turned him into a heartthrob, but one with serious dramatic chops, was *Dear Frankie*, a four-hankie tearjerker about a single mother who resorts to trickery to keep the memory of her late husband alive in her son's mind.

It was his next movie, however, that made him (and his meticulously crafted six-pack) a superstar. In 300 he's King Leonidas, a Spartan who led 300 soldiers against the might of the Persian army. It's the film equivalent of a heavy metal concert — loud, brutal and completely un-

compromising — and it made him an action hero.

A few years ago, the website Gawker placed Butler on movie star probation, calling him a "professional bad decision maker" alongside Cuba Gooding Jr. and John Travolta, but Hollywood hasn't been all bad for Butler.

Post 300 highlights include playing a charming mobster in the violent Guy Ritchie flick *RocknRolla*, voicing Stoick the Vast, the chieftain of a Viking tribe in the animated *How to Train Your Dragon* and *Coriolanus*, a modern dress version of a 1608 play by William Shakespeare.

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Child star of famed Beasts has lots to smile about

Beasts of the Southern Wild.

Quvenzhané Wallis not concerned if she gets Golden Globe and Oscar nominations

She was just nominated for a Spirit Award for her leading role in *Beasts of the Southern Wild*, and there's buzz that Golden Globe and Oscar nods could be next. But these days, Quvenzhané Wallis is more concerned about picking up long division in her math class than trophies in Hollywood.

"I actually had to learn what an Oscar was," Quvenzhané said over a lunch of fried shrimp and crawfish at the nine-year-old's favourite seafood restaurant in her



Actress Quvenzhané Wallis stars in *Beasts of the Southern Wild*.
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hometown of Houma, La., about 100 kilometres south-east of New Orleans.

Quvenzhané said she was shown a picture of what an Oscar looks like and came up

with a nickname.

"I call him 'the golden man,'" she said, crossing her arms across her chest emulating the posture of the iconic statue.

If given the opportunity to go to the Oscars, Quvenzhané certainly knows what to expect.

The fourth-grader has walked many red carpets since *Beasts* first premiered at the Sundance Film Festival, where it won a grand jury prize, and then played at the Cannes fest, where the film took the Camera d'Or prize.

Quvenzhané says she would like to be a dentist when she grows up "to see people smile," but won't be giving up acting.

But whether she or the film will be nominated for an Academy Award, "that's not in my head," she said.

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Fall into the world of the Nutcracker

While the annual appearance of Toronto's mayor in the National Ballet's festive favourite *The Nutcracker* is questionable this year (hard to have mayoral cameo if there's not a mayor in place), the ballet must go on. And go on it does.

The *Nutcracker* ballet was written by noted Russian composer Pyotr Tchaikovsky in 1892.

Based on a children's fable written by German writer ETA Hoffman, the *Nutcracker* tells the story of a favourite Christmas toy who comes to life and takes its young owner on a tour of the Land of Sweets, a magical kingdom ruled by the Sugar Plum Fairy.

The ballet's current version of *The Nutcracker* premiered in 1995 and has been a family favourite since.

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Rob Ford is shown in last year's *Nutcracker*. KEITH BEATY/TORONTO STAR

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John Travolta

Travolta's alleged lover sues star

A man who told the National Enquirer that he had a "steamy affair" with John Travolta while working as his pilot from 1981 to 1987 is now suing the actor, insisting he never signed a confidentiality agreement that would bar him from talking to the media about his time with the actor, according to TMZ.

The man, Doug Gotterba, claims Travolta's lawyer,

Marty Singer, threatened a lawsuit after the story was published. Singer maintains that Gotterba's termination agreement included a confidentiality clause and that the former employee is just out for attention.

"Mr. Gotterba obviously filed this lawsuit to get his 15 minutes of fame," Singer says. "We plan to get this meritless case promptly dismissed."

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The Word



Random sources state the obvious about Will and Kate

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The news of Will and Kate's impending arrival has the tabloids in a tizzy — and scrambling for anyone, anyone at all, to be quoted about it.

I've compiled a sampling of the best of these random, mostly anonymous sources, all of whom state how Kate and Will will be good parents (as if anyone is going to say that she's going to become a baby-smacking alcoholic and he's planning on raising the baby as a racist).

The best of the bunch,

with an added bonus of Snooki (say what?) commentary:

"Kate will be a firm but fair mother. Kate will let her children have fun and freedom, but she will also make sure they do what is best for them." — A "pal" of the Duchess of Cambridge, per Us Weekly.

"I can see William wanting to take time off in the modern paternity-leave style, so that he bonds with his child." — A "family friend" to daily-mail.co.uk

"(Kate and Will) both try to be as normal as possible in their private lives. ... Everyone's always said what great parents they'll be, since they are such a caring couple and very relaxed. They will lavish love on their children." — Jessica Hay, a "childhood acquaintance" of Kate's, to Australian tabloid New Idea

"I'm sure she will be an amazing mom." — Snooki to the New York Daily News



Katy Perry

Perry hides from Brand under the table

A nice dinner out at the Beverly Hills Polo Lounge with John Mayer turned awkward for Katy Perry when her ex-husband, Russell Brand, showed up. Just how awkward are we talking about? Perry reportedly crouched under her table and hid just to avoid Brand, according to Us Weekly.

"The hostess almost seated Russell next to Kay,"

a source says. "Kay's face was like, 'Oh s—!'" And while the seating disaster was averted and Brand was set up elsewhere in the restaurant, he apparently needed to satisfy his curiosity upon learning of Perry's presence.

"On his way to the bathroom, he looked at [John and Katy] through a window," the source adds.



Lindsay Lohan

IRS seized Lohan's bank accounts

More trouble for Lindsay Lohan. The IRS has reportedly seized the Liz and Dick star's bank accounts because of her outstanding debt, according to TMZ.

Lohan previously had liens filed against her for unpaid taxes from 2009 and 2010 total more than

\$233,000, but the government apparently got tired of waiting for her to make good on the debt.

She is said to also owe money for 2011. Sources tell the website that Lohan is in panic mode and is scrambling for ways to make enough money to get out of debt pronto.

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Since 1985, the United Nations has recognized the contributions of volunteers around the world on Dec. 5, International Volunteer Day. Metro talks to Cuso International and Free The Children, international development organizations that send volunteers overseas to share their expertise with partners in other nations. Here, they offer five things to consider before taking the leap into overseas volunteering.

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Visual artist Stephanie Stoker (centre) works with young adults in Peru. CUSO INTERNATIONAL

Choose your organization carefully

Some organizations require you to pay your own way, and often include a fee; volunteering may be a fundraising mechanism for a development project. For others, volunteering is fundamental to their programs, and those serving take on professional roles in longer-term development.

SEAN KELLY, CUSO INTERNATIONAL

5 things every volunteer should know

A volunteer trip is just the beginning

Volunteer travel is a life-changing experience for both the traveller and the developing communities in which they work. Further ignite the global change maker in you by taking your experience one step further when you return home. Spread the message of your transformative experience to others, helping to spark the change within them. CRAIG KIELBURGER, FOUNDER, FREE THE CHILDREN



For young people, volunteering means being engaged, empowered and part of a team. FREE THE CHILDREN

Work alongside the local community

Often times, travellers volunteer in isolation from the local community in which they are working in. Make sure to travel with organizations that have strong partnerships with local communities and governments. This enables you to ensure you are committing to a project that promotes long term and sustainable change.

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School-building with local children creates a lasting bond for volunteers. FREE THE CHILDREN



Bairu Sium, left, a Toronto high school teacher, assists his colleagues in education in Tanzania. SCOTT PORTINGALE/CUSO INTERNATIONAL

Know why you're going

Volunteers want to help and make a difference, as the cliché goes, but most know this isn't a purely selfless act. You will learn new skills, broaden your horizons and come to better understand yourself and the world. And that's all OK. Reflect on your motivations. You want to help reduce global poverty or protect the natural world, but what else? Have you always wanted to travel, but not as a tourist? Work with kids? When you understand your motivations, you'll be in a better position to choose the option that is right for you. SEAN KELLY, CUSO INTERNATIONAL

Don't assume you know it all

Decades of successful and not-so-successful development assistance shows that projects parachuted in from above, without consultation or roots in local communities, usually do not have long-term benefits. You will want to help build the social infrastructure that is so critical to any nation's future.

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Augustina Aporte, who lives in Bolivia, works with the Chiquitania Forest Conservation Foundation on sustainability projects. MIGUEL HORTIGUELA/CUSO INTERNATIONAL

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Aw shucks, Virginia loves oysters

Tasty travels. State has become America's largest producer of farm-raised delicacy

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When you think of culinary tourism, Oregon's Willamette Valley and the Kentucky Bourbon Trail are two that probably come to mind.

But another upstart is gunning to join their ranks: Virginia. The state is becoming increasingly known for its oysters — and they are getting primed to lure tourists to come and taste them.

Virginia boasts seven different oyster growing regions, three of which are located on Virginia's Eastern Shore. Although the remoteness of the Eastern Shore is one of its best qualities, there are plenty of resources for travelers when they get there. Two larger towns — Chincoteague to the north and Cape Charles to the south — have a host of quaint hotels, restaurants and art galleries, which make a great base to go exploring



Pack your suitcase and your oyster knife if you're heading to Virginia. ROB ROBINSON/METRO

the area's many towns and hamlets that are as interesting as some of their names: Nassawadox, Oyster, Onancock and Wachapreague.

An Eastern Shore must-do

One of the highlights of the Eastern Shore is Chatham Vineyards, a working farm for four centuries with an 1818 federal brick mansion. A Cape Charles expedition company, Southeast Expeditions, offers the opportunity to kayak up a remote tidal creek, past oyster beds and

historic farms, to the vineyard for wine tastings. Along the way, the guides describe the abundant wildlife and interesting history of the area.

For the adventure-loving foodie

If you have an adventuresome spirit and a true love of oysters, you can check out many of the oyster farms in the area. Although the tourist infrastructure for the oyster farms is still developing, many of the local oyster farms are welcoming

to people interested in their product. We recommend Lynnhaven Oyster Company, Shooting Point Oyster Company, HM Terry Co. Inc., Cherrystone Aquafarms and JC Walker Brothers Inc.

Virginia oysters: Nature and nurture

One reason the oysters are so good on the Eastern Shore is because of the purity of the water. Parts of the Shore are designated as a United Nations Biosphere Reserve and, accord-

ing to the Nature Conservancy which has taken a leading role in preserving the area, contains the longest expanse of coastal wilderness left on the eastern seaboard.

Oysters 101

Just as the locales of vineyards and vagaries of the growing seasons become part of the taste of wine (terroir), oysters develop unique flavours from the waters in which they are grown. Those flavors are known as an oyster's "merrior." Oysters grown in different parts of the same body of water may have very different flavours — a culinary challenge for foodies willing to try them all. One oyster not to miss is the Sewansecott oyster, grown by the H.M. Terry Co. in the exceptionally clean waters of Hog Island Bay on Virginia's Eastern Shore.

The Bay is surrounded by the Virginia Coastal Reserve, a collection of 14 undeveloped barrier islands and large expanses of preserved salt marshes.

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Skype

Tech expert Marc Saltzman swears by traveller standby Skype. With this free video calling app you can connect with your colleagues or help the kids with their homework. Typical traveller haunts such as airports, hotels and coffee shops usually offer free Wi-Fi, making it a cheap and cheerful way for a quick check-in with friends and family. Available on Android, iPad, iPhone and Windows Phone.

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Laugh in the face of Old Man Winter



Children hang out with Leo LaTuque, the mascot of the Festival du Voyageur. DAN HARPER/THE CANADIAN PRESS HANDOUT

Festival fun. Bundle up and embrace Canadian culture at one of the many outdoor events taking place this season

The coming weeks are a time of hibernation for many Canadians. As temperatures plummet, it's only natural to want to huddle indoors near the warm glow of a fireplace or big-screen television and wait for the depth of winter to pass.

But for many people, it's a time of celebration. It's also a chance to show Old Man Winter that we Canadians can still face winter head-on, like the early settlers did with an axe, a tent and some hearty food and drink. For a few hours, anyway.

"Even if it's -40 C, people will be out there. They really want to enjoy winter and they embrace it," says Irina Ivanov-Bissonnette, spokesperson for the Festival du Voyageur.

The festival is held every year in mid-February in the St. Boniface neighbourhood of Winnipeg and brings visitors back to the early 19th century, when a small fort on the very site played an important role in the fur trade.

There are similar festivals held across the country in January and February, including the Voyageur Winter Carnival in Thunder Bay, Ont., the Yukon Sourdough Rendez-Vous in Whitehorse, and the biggest one of all — the Quebec Winter Carnival.

They have a common theme — instead of hiding from winter, get outside, interact with hundreds or thousands of others and celebrate the often cold, harsh history of Canada's development. The Yukon Sourdough Rendez-Vous bills itself as "the only legal cure for the

If you go...

- **The Festival du Voyageur.** Is held in Whittier Park, east of downtown Winnipeg. festivalvoyageur.mb.ca
- **Rendez-Vous.** There are several direct flights to Whitehorse from Vancouver. Travel from most other cities is not non-stop. yukonrendezvous.com

cabin fever blues."

"We want to encourage people to embrace the weather, embrace that time of the year," said Rendez-Vous Society executive director Jon Solberg.

"It's about actually getting out in the community and getting active in different events that are going on."

Festival-goers at Rendez-Vous, scheduled to run Feb. 21 to 24 in 2013, may find themselves carrying large bags of flour on their backs, throwing an axe or racing in snowshoes — all in temperatures that can dip below -20 C. The festival celebrates the Yukon gold rush and recreates, to some extent, how people lived in the late 1800s. "It's celebrating the pioneers that ... got to Dawson City in 1898," Solberg said.

At the Festival du Voyageur, the focus is on 1815, a time when the Hudson Bay Company and the North West Company were vying for control of the fur trade. Actors in period costume inside a recreated Fort Gibraltar greet you as if you have stepped back in time. Any mention of Canada is likely to be met with a quizzical expression and a reminder that Canada is to the East. You, monsieur, are in Rupert's Land.

The period actors show visitors how to make tools, fur coats and other goods, and how meals were prepared and food

was stored in an isolated Prairie outpost.

There is also a bit of poetic licence to the festival's take on history. Just outside the fort, period actors play out a battle between French- and English-speaking soldiers that looks like something from the Plains of Abraham in Quebec. The battle portrays a skirmish between the forces of Lord Selkirk and La Verendrye that never actually happened. Selkirk, a Scottish settler, and La Verendrye, a French explorer, lived at different times of the west's development.

The festival, now in its 44th year, is the largest Francophone festival in western Canada, attracting about 95,000 people over 10 days. The 2013 edition is scheduled to run Feb. 15 to 24.

Not everything about the festival is a throwback. At night, live music, much of it modern rock and folk, is performed inside huge heated tents. Francophone groups from across Canada are featured. The licensed bar serves modern brands of beer along with caribou, an old-time blend of red wine, whisky and maple sugar. And if the weather does turn particularly nasty, there are options.

At the Festival du Voyageur, the temperatures have sometimes risen to the point where snow and ice sculptures melt. Other years, temperatures have dipped below -40 C, leaving all but the bravest souls scurrying for cover in heated tents.

In Whitehorse, such temperatures are rare. But two years ago, the thermometer dipped to -25 C and a fierce wind blew at 40 kilometres an hour. "With our main performance tent, we put heat in there," said Solberg. "We warm it up pretty good. It's a bit of a windbreak and a shelter for people to go to."

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Even Mother Nature, as if mindful of the inflated expectations of the fabulously rich, seems to try harder in Palm Beach.

The famed beachfront playground of Rockefellers, Vanderbilts, Kennedys and Trumps roughly marks the start of the tropics in South Florida. Here, about 100 kilometres north of Miami, the cobalt-blue waters of the Gulf Stream run close to shore, promoting milder win-

ters and an abundance of ficus, Royal Poinciana and banyan trees — species that refuse to grow in the harsher climes to the north.

Gawking at the Mediterranean-style waterfront mansions along Billionaire's Row and splurging on Chanel, Armani, Gucci and other designer labels in the chic boutiques that line Worth Avenue and its gracefully colonnaded corridors — Via Mizner, Via Prigi, Via Roma — are the top tourist activities.

But for many visitors, the Palm Beach experience isn't complete without a round of golf on the Ocean Course at The Breakers, the towering Italian Renaissance-inspired luxury hotel that has been the focus of Palm Beach society for over a century.

Reputed to be Florida's first 18-hole layout when it opened in 1897, the Ocean Course sparked the game's rapid

growth throughout Palm Beach County, a winter tourist destination touted as Florida's Golf Capital by marketers.

Stretching from Jupiter in the north to Boca Raton in the south, the county — the largest southeast of the Mississippi River — is home to more than 165 courses, including several of the top resort tracks in the South.

Many of golf's biggest names call Palm Beach County home, including Jack Nicklaus, Greg Norman, Justin Leonard, Nick Price and golf architect Tom Fazio. Golf academies and equipment outlets are as ubiquitous as gas stations. Also found here is the headquarters of the PGA of America.

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PGA National recently completed a \$100-million renovation that included an extensive refurbishing of the hotel and a tweaking by Nicklaus himself of the Champion Course — the marquee attraction of the property's five 18-hole layouts. Originally designed by Tom Fazio, the course was first reworked in 1990 by Nicklaus, whose most significant contribution was the infamous bear trap — holes 15 through 17 — a wind-swept and watery trio that has broken the hearts of countless

golfers.

PGA National's major rival among Palm Beach County's golf resorts is Boca Raton Resort and Club, a Spanish-Moorish beachfront palace designed in the 1920s by visionary architect Addison Mizner, famous as the creator of the Palm Beach style. Rich in golf history, the lavishly refurbished Boca, as the resort is known locally, once employed legends Sam Snead and Tommy Armour as golf professionals.

Though just 6,253 yards in length, the property's original William Flynn-designed layout, — the Resort Course — is sneakily difficult, with rapid elevation changes and numer-

ous water features. A far stiffer test is the Country Club Course, a 6,714-yard Joe Lee design located a short drive from the resort, where water comes into play on 14 holes.

Lee, a native of Florida who was a master at shaping the local terrain, also designed the Abacoa Golf Club in Jupiter, Fla. Water hazards and sand bunkers are almost constantly in play at this lush and well-conditioned track.

Another must-play course, especially for fans of Donald Ross — arguably the greatest of all golf architects — is Delray Beach Golf Club. This classic and affordable 6,907-yard design features rolling fairways,



This is yards better than snow and ice. NILE YOUNG JR

water on five holes and Ross's distinctive random bunkering.

By the time Ross unveiled his Delray Beach course in 1923, hotels were springing up throughout the county. Vacationers had been arriving in steadily growing numbers ever since Standard Oil magnate Henry Flagler extended his Florida East Coast Railway south from St. Augustine in the 1890s.

Flagler built two luxury resorts, Royal Poinciana Hotel and Palm Beach Inn, the precursor of The Breakers, on the 26-kilometre-long spit of land known as Palm Beach. Accessible by drawbridges over the Intracoastal Waterway, Palm Beach quickly attracted the attention of royals, captains of industry and socialites who came for the sun, seclusion and to enjoy a life of privileged luxury among their own kind.

Today, even in these reces-

sionary times, there still appears to be enough old and new money, as well as rubber-necking tourists, to keep the cashiers humming at the dozens of boutiques, galleries and upscale restaurants on Worth Avenue and its spiderweb of courtyards.

Equally reassuring is the steady lineup of golfers seen every day on the first tee at The Breakers, the iconic society hotel that launched Florida's golf boom more than a century ago.

Online

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Wealth

A place for the rich to play

Many of Palm Beach's most opulent waterfront mansions are the handiwork of Addison Mizner, the architect of the Boca Raton Resort and Club. He took his inspiration from the medieval buildings of the Mediterranean, flamboyantly including plazas, courtyards and arcades in his designs to let his clients better enjoy the balmy Florida weather. Longtime residents sniff that the Golden Age of Palm Beach is long past, blaming the decline on arrivistes such as Donald Trump, who bought Marjorie Merriweather Post's fabulous Mar-a-Lago estate (just past the Southern Boulevard drawbridge) in 1985 and later turned it into a members-only club. Another sign of the changing times was the departure of the Kennedy clan in 1995. Rather than blue bloods, today's tax roll is heavy on aging pop singers and fashionistas. Vera Wang, Vic Damone, Jimmy Buffett and Rod Stewart all own property here.



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Impress your guests' taste buds with sophisticated Parmesan Custard Cup

Parmesan Custard

1. In food processor, combine light cream cheese, whipping cream and eggs. Pulse until smooth, about 2 minutes.

2. Add Parmesan, salt and pepper; continue to pulse until smooth, about 1 minute. Divide Parmesan mix into each of the eight greased glass ramekins (approx. 1/4 cup or 50 ml in each)

Spinach Layer

1. Put spinach over strainer in the sink and gently press to remove water.

2. In skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat, add garlic; cook, stirring until aromatic, about 1 min. Stir in spinach, green onions, salt and pepper. Cook to combine flavours, 4 mins. Remove from heat and spoon a generous 1/4 cup (50 ml) spinach mix on top of Parmesan custard, pressing gently.

Roasted Red Pepper and Salad Greens

1. In bowl, stir red pepper slices and garlic. Cover tops of spinach with a layer of

Parmesan Custard Cup



This recipe makes 8 custard cups. EGG FARMERS OF ONTARIO

roasted red pepper. The peppers should cover the spinach. Smooth tops.

2. Place custard cups on large rimmed baking sheet and bake in 375 F (190 C) oven until set,

about 30 mins. Let cool slightly.

3. Meanwhile, in bowl, whisk together olive oil, vinegar, Dijon, salt and pepper. Toss with mixed greens.

4. Run thin knife around edges of glass ramekins. Invert onto salad plates and top each with small amount of mixed greens and serve. Or top each cup with a handful of mixed greens and serve. EGG FARMERS OF ONTARIO

Ingredients

Parmesan Custard

- 1 pkg (250g/8oz) light cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) whipping cream
- 3 eggs
- 3/4 cup (175 ml) grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) each salt and freshly ground pepper

Spinach Layer

- 2 pkgs each (300g) frozen chopped spinach, thawed
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) vegetable oil
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 3 green onions, thinly sliced
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) each salt and freshly ground pepper

Roasted Red Pepper Layer

- 1 jar (340 ml) roasted red peppers, drained and thinly sliced
- 2 cloves garlic

Salad

- 1/4 cup (50 ml) olive oil
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) red wine vinegar
- 2 tsp (10 ml) Dijon mustard
- salt and pepper to taste
- 3 cups (750 ml) mixed salad greens

Drink of the Week

Apple Cider Punch

Apple cider is one of those drinks that is automatically associated with winter and the holiday season. This version gets an added touch with grapefruit juice.

- 2 oz Bombay Sapphire
- 2.5 oz apple cider
- 1 oz grapefruit juice
- 1 egg white
- 1 oz corn syrup
- 1 dash Angostura bitters

Combine all ingredients into a shaker, dry shake. Add ice and shake again. Double strain into glass. Garnish with apple slice.

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Going out on a co-op work term for the first time can be daunting. Aside from showing up to work, there's a lot you should do to make a good impression.

Here are seven tips to help you make the most of your experience:

Don't wait until the first day

If you've been given your managers' contact information, get in touch with them. Let her know that you are excited to start and find out if there is anything they can suggest for you to do before you arrive. This gives them a good impression of you before they've even met you.

On your first day, come prepared

Bring in a copy of your job de-



Don't flood your supervisor's inbox with questions when you could have easily asked a co-worker instead. ISTOCK

scription as well as a notebook. You'll be taking in a lot of new information, so it helps if you write it down. It's also important that you rest up the night before. Even though your job might not be grueling, being in a new environment is, so help your body out by getting some sleep.

Ask questions

Don't be afraid to ask for help if you need it. People know you are new, and in most cases, they'll be more than happy to help. Don't be intimidated if everyone seems busy. They are, but they'll still find a way to help you — if you ask.

Observe

Whenever possible, try to watch and see how your man-

ager and co-workers interact (not in a creepy way, of course!). Maybe people at your company are very casual in conversation. How do people dress? How long do people typically go for lunch? Use what you see to help you fit in.

Ask for work

Each manager is unique. Some might delegate tasks to you,

Speak out

@TalentEgg: #Coop students and grads: do you think co-op placements make a big difference in hatching a career? #QuestionOfTheDay

- **@SabaSabati:** Absolutely! U graduate w/ min 9 months experience. Relative to those with 0, it's a huge advantage! + networking opp = priceless
- **@ssimpson3:** It's a great way to add some experience to your resume, network within the industry, and gain some real world skills
- **@danchukal:** absolutely! Coop gets ur foot in the

door and without that exp, you'll be many steps behind those who have. #QuestionOfTheDay

- **@Sonjaferne:** My worry as parent is companies cutting back; more students to place & fewer placements these days. So...is it worth it?
- **@ScouseNerd:** absolutely! If my previous program had anything like that I think my life would be much different today
- **@Mathoraa:** Definitely! It not only gives you experience, but also a 'feel' on what the job is like

others might only give you work if you ask for it. Don't be afraid to use the phrase, "Would you like me to do anything in particular today?" It always helps to be proactive at work. Plus, you might learn a thing or two.

When in doubt, check it out. If the work you are given is difficult and you aren't sure whether you did it correctly, ask someone to look over your

work.

Your manager would definitely prefer this instead of finding a ton of mistakes later. You'll find that as time goes on, you'll feel more confident in your work.

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There are still ways to save on car insurance.

A high-risk driver is someone who, due to a combination of factors, presents a high likelihood of a claim. There is a combination of things that would work together to give you this status, as it's usually not just one incident. New drivers or drivers who have multiple tickets and accidents on their driving record are typically

labeled as high-risk drivers. This presents a high likelihood of having an at-fault accident that the insurance company will have to pay for in the event of a claim.

High-risk drivers usually pay much higher insurance rates; and some insurance companies will not renew their policy. If that occurs, there are still options for the high-risk driver.

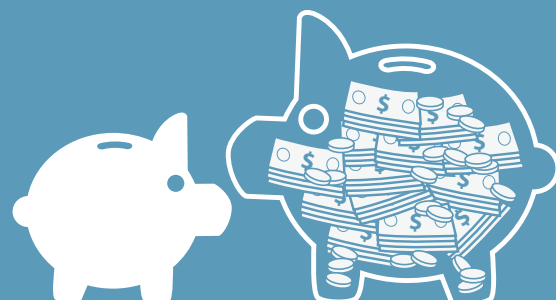
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Saving on High-Risk Insurance. By its nature, high-risk insurance costs more than a

standard policy. Because the risk of a claim is much higher, the insurance company must spread some of the risk and increase the cost of premium; for protection in the event of a large claim. This does not mean there is no way to save on insurance if you are a high-risk driver; it's just a little trickier. The number one way for a high-risk driver to save money is to shop around. Use a quoting site like InsuranceHotline.com, to get quotes from over 30 insurance companies and compare insurance rates for free. You could save money in just a few minutes.

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Landing a co-op position is great for getting hands-on experience in your field of choice, putting what you've learned in the classroom to practical use in the workplace. However, there are a few things that you should just simply not do.

To make sure you work it out in style, here are our guidelines for what not to do at your co-op position.

Don't slack because it's not a 'real job'

While co-op placements may not be technically a 'real job,' the work and opportunity that they present are no lie.

Showing up on time and working hard will not only



Don't rule out the possibility of shadowing people in other departments if you feel you aren't learning. ISTOCK

make your experience better, it could help turn that placement into a 'real job' in the future.

Don't go in blank

Getting a co-op placement can be challenging, but once you get one, don't just sit back and wait for the ride to begin. Learn about the company you're working for, the different departments that

you'll be exposed to and figure out what it is that you want to get out of the experience.

Communicate your goals to your boss and work with them to make sure you make the most of your co-op.

Don't fly under the radar

When going into a new work environment, it can be tempting to fade into the background. However, since co-ops are short-term placements, you need to utilize your time in the office to leave a positive impression.

Network within the office and get to know your colleagues and your boss.

Once you leave the office, these people can be great industry contacts for future jobs openings or mentorship so build relationships. You want to be on their radar, not flying under it.

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Hockey

Americans name invitees for junior selection camp

Returning players John Gibson, Jacob Trouba and J.T. Miller as well as some top NHL prospects were among 27 players invited Tuesday to the U.S. national junior team preliminary training camp.

Alex Galchenyuk of the Sarnia Sting, drafted third overall by the Montreal Canadiens in June, as well as Toronto Maple Leafs first-rounder Tyler Biggs and the Ottawa Senators' 21st overall selection Stefan Noesen were also invited.

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MLB

Victorino Beantown bound

Free-agent outfielder Shane Victorino and the Red Sox agreed Tuesday to a \$39-million, three-year contract — Boston's second big addition during the winter meetings.

Victorino's deal is subject to a physical, as is the \$39-million, three-year contract the Red Sox agreed to Monday with Mike Napoli.

Victorino hit a combined .255 with 11 home runs and 55 RBIs last season for Philadelphia and the Los Angeles Dodgers.

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Shane Victorino GETTY IMAGES FILE



Former Detroit Red Wings defenceman Mike Comodore, right, lands a punch on the Flames' Tim Jackman in Calgary on Jan. 31, 2011. The NHL lockout showed little sign of progress, so Comodore decided to play in the American Hockey League to try to salvage his career. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Journeyman in minors to salvage NHL career

Lockout limbo.

Comodore hopes to turn heads while playing for the AHL's Hamilton Bulldogs

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"I'm playing in front of people that I would like to see me play — NHL scouts, GMs and stuff like that."

Mike Comodore on playing in the minors

The NHL lockout showed little sign of progress, so Mike Comodore decided to take action.

But his decision to sign a 25-game professional tryout offer with the AHL's Hamilton Bulldogs was not just an effort to salvage a season.

"I need to be playing, in my opinion, if I want to have a good chance of continuing my career," he said while the Bulldogs visited the Abbotsford Heat for a pair of games last weekend. "So here I am."

The 33-year-old Sherwood Park, Alta., native was among

a long list of unrestricted NHL free agents who were left in limbo when the previous NHL collective bargaining agreement expired Sept. 15. Teams raced to sign younger, core assets before the old CBA expired, but took a pass on older UFAs until new financial parameters, notably the salary-cap maximum and contracting rules, are established.

"Obviously, they were looking to lock up guys long-term with the expiry coming up," he said. "But for guys like me, there wasn't a real rush, and then the lockout started."

Comodore split last season with the Detroit Red Wings and Tampa Bay Lightning. He is now in his 13th pro season, and has played for almost as many teams in that span.

Since being drafted by New Jersey in the second round (42nd overall) in 1992, he has logged 484 career NHL regular-season games with the Devils, Calgary, Carolina, Ottawa, Columbus, Detroit and Tampa. He has also suited up in 53 playoff games.

He won a Stanley Cup with the Carolina Hurricanes in

2005-06, played for the Calgary Flames squad that fell in seven games in the 2003-04 Stanley Cup final to Tampa Bay, and was a member of Canada's world championship-winning squad in 2007.

He has 23 NHL career regular-season goals and 83 assists along with eight post-season points.

"The last two years for me, without getting too deep into it, haven't really gone in my favour," said Comodore, who is slated to receive a pro-rated salary of \$105,000 after earning \$1 million last season. "I haven't played nearly as much as I would have liked, and it all happened very quick."

Comodore is sought for his physical play and has racked up 683 career penalty minutes in the NHL.

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Police spoke with Belcher before shootings



Jovan Belcher THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Kansas City Chiefs linebacker Jovan Belcher told officers who found him sleeping in his car outside an apartment complex hours before he committed a murder-suicide that he was there to visit a woman he described as his "girlfriend," but that she wasn't home.

The apartment complex is about 15 kilometres from the Kansas City home Belcher shared with 22-year-old Kassandra Perkins, the mother of their three-month-old daughter, Zoey. Belcher shot Perkins at their home Saturday morning before driving to Arrowhead Stadium, where he committed suicide in the practice facility's parking lot, police

Troubled history

Friends have said the relationship between Belcher and Perkins was strained.

- The couple briefly lived apart recently before getting back together by U.S. Thanksgiving, friend Brianne York told The Associated Press.

said.

Police responded to a report about 2:50 a.m. Saturday of a man sleeping in his car outside an apartment building, police spokesman Darin Snapp

said Tuesday. When police approached the car, Belcher got out of the vehicle and was cooperative, Snapp said.

"We asked him 'Why are you sleeping here?' and he says he's there to visit his girlfriend, but she's not home," Snapp said.

When police determined Belcher didn't have outstanding warrants, Snapp said Belcher, 25, made a phone call and a short time later a woman let Belcher into her building. Police did not question the woman and don't know who she is, he said.

Snapp said that was the last contact police had with Belcher "until his name came up"

with the shooting at his home.

Witnesses have since told police that Belcher stayed at that apartment until 6:30 a.m., Snapp said.

At about 7:50 a.m., police were called to Belcher's home after he had shot and killed Perkins, according to a police incident report.

Belcher then drove about eight kilometres to Arrowhead Stadium, where he was met by GM Scott Pioli and coach Romeo Crennel. When police arrived, Belcher moved behind a vehicle, out of clear view of officers, Snapp said. He said Belcher then knelt down and shot himself once in the head.

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Sacrificing dignity for drug protocol?

PEDs. Some Canadian athletes irked by doping watchdog's demands

Jessica Zelinka had flown to Ontario for the Olympic Heroes Parade in September when drug testers knocked on her door in Calgary to find her not home.

Her absence was considered a missed doping test, the first strike for one of Canada's top track and field athletes.

Three strikes is an anti-doping violation and can come with a suspension of up to two years.

Some athletes are quietly complaining about what they call a draconian anti-doping system desperate to keep up with cheaters.

Few are keen to talk openly about it.

"It has nothing to do with athletes trying to avoid testing but everything to do with athletes trying to just be normal human beings and have their own dignity and freedom respected," says Zelinka's husband, Nathaniel Miller, an Olympian in water polo.

"I don't think the current system does that."

Canada's athletes must provide a schedule of their daily whereabouts in three-month blocks to the country's doping watchdog, the Canadian Centre



Canada's Jessica Zelinka looks at the scoreboard during the Summer Olympics in London in August. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

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"You're kind of stuck between a rock and a hard place because if you speak out loudly against it, the immediate perception is, 'Oh well, they're trying to hide something.'"

Nathaniel Miller, Olympic water polo competitor and husband of athlete Jessica Zelinka

for Ethics in Sport.

They are also required to designate a specific hour each day — between 5 a.m. and 11 p.m. — when they're available for unannounced drug testing in their home.

"If you're a regular employee in Canada, this entire policy and procedure is illegal," Miller says. "And yet, because you represent your country as an athlete, those rights go out the window."

Athletes must notify the CCES of any scheduling changes. Zelinka forgot to do that. She argued she was caught up in the stresses of moving, last-minute plans to participate in the parade in Toronto and the added demands of being a

mom. Zelinka's appeal of the ruling was recently denied. Two more strikes in 18 months will be an anti-doping violation.

The CCES was formed in the fallout from the 1988 Ben Johnson scandal. Jeremy Luke, director of the Canadian anti-doping program, says the organization is complying with the World Anti-Doping Code.

"That code outlines the length of sanctions that can be imposed on athletes, the testing protocols and then, included in that, is what we call 'athletes whereabouts requirements,' which is an international standard that's implemented in Canada but also implemented around the world," said Luke.

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New York	12	4	.750	—
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Brooklyn	11	6	.647	11/2
Chicago	8	7	.533	31/2
Atlanta	9	5	.643	2
Philadelphia	10	8	.556	3
Boston	9	8	.529	31/2
Milwaukee	8	8	.500	4
Indiana	8	9	.471	41/2
Charlotte	7	9	.438	5
Orlando	7	10	.412	51/2
Detroit	6	13	.316	71/2
Cleveland	4	14	.222	9
Toronto	4	14	.222	9
Washington	2	13	.133	91/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	12	3	.800	1
Oklahoma City	15	4	.789	—
San Antonio	14	4	.778	1/2
L.A. Clippers	11	6	.647	3
Golden State	10	7	.588	4
Denver	9	9	.500	51/2
Minnesota	8	8	.500	51/2
Houston	8	8	.500	51/2
Utah	9	10	.474	6
L.A. Lakers	8	9	.471	6
Dallas	8	9	.471	6
Portland	8	10	.444	61/2
Phoenix	7	11	.389	71/2
New Orleans	5	11	.313	81/2
Sacramento	4	12	.250	91/2

Division leaders ranked in top four positions and best eight teams qualify for playoffs

Tuesday's results
Minnesota 105 Philadelphia 88
Washington 105 Miami 101
Oklahoma City 117 Brooklyn 111
L.A. Lakers at Houston
Phoenix at Memphis
Indiana at Chicago

Monday's results
Portland 118 Charlotte 112 OT
Detroit 89 Cleveland 79
New Orleans 102 Milwaukee 81
Denver 113 Toronto 110
L.A. Clippers 105 Utah 104
Orlando 102 Golden State 94

Wednesday's games
Portland at Indiana, 7 p.m.
New York at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Atlanta, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Orlando at Utah, 9 p.m.
Toronto at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Dallas at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's games
New York at Miami, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.
Friday's games
Denver at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Boston at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Memphis at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Houston at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Toronto at Utah, 9 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Oklahoma City, 9:30 p.m.
Orlando at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

LATE MONDAY

NUGGETS 113, RAPTORS 110

TORONTO (110)

Lowry 6-16 11-11 24, Bargnani 10-20 1-2 23, deRozan 8-13 1-1 18, Ross 4-8 2-2 12, Johnson 5-7 0-0 11, Valanciunas 3-5 1-2 7, Davis 3-5 0-0 6, Calderon 1-4 1-1 4, Pietrus 1-5 0-0 3, Lucas 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 42-86 17-19 110.

DENVER (113)

Brewer 9-15 0-0 19, Fariel 5-11 8-11 18, McGee 4-5 9-16 17, Lawson 6-15 1-2 16, Gallinari 4-10 3-4 13, Koufos 4-12 2-6 10, Miller 3-4 2-2 8, Hamilton 4-8 0-0 8, Igoudala 1-5 2-2 4. Totals 40-85 27-43 113.

3-Point Goals—Toronto 9-28 (Bargnani 2-8, Ross 2-5, Lowry 1-4, deRozan 1-3, Calderon 1-3, Pietrus 1-3, Johnson 1-1, Lucas 0-1).

Rebounds—Toronto 37 (Davis 9, deRozan 7, Ross 6, Bargnani 4, Johnson 4, Valanciunas 4, Lowry 3). **Assists**—Toronto 19 (Lowry 7). **Denver** 25 (Igoudala 8). **Total Fouls**—Toronto 30, Denver 20.

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GROUP STAGE

Second Leg

(home teams listed first)

Tuesday's results

AC Milan (Italy) 0 Zenit St. Petersburg (Russia) 1
Dinamo Zagreb (Croatia) 1 Dynamo Kiev (Ukraine) 1
Borussia Dortmund (Germany) 1 Manchester City (England) 0
Malaga (Spain) 2 Anderlecht (Belgium) 2
Montpellier (France) 1 FC Schalke 04 (Germany) 1
Olympiacos (Greece) 2 Arsenal (England) 1
Paris SG (France) 2 FC Porto (Portugal) 1
Real Madrid (Spain) 4 Ajax (Netherlands) 1

ENGLAND

ENGLISH CONFERENCE

Tuesday's results

Ebbsfleet United 2 Cambridge United 4
Lincoln City 0 Woking 2
Macclesfield Town 3 Hyde 2
Nuneaton 1 Dartford 0
Telford United 1 Barrow 1
Alfreton Town vs. Wrexham (ppd.)
Brintree Town vs. Forest Green Rovers (ppd.)
Gateshead vs. Grimsby Town (ppd.)
Newport County vs. Luton Town (ppd.)
Stockport County vs. Southport FC (ppd.)

TRANSACTIONS

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

TAMPA BAY RAYS — Named Jamie Nelson coach.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

NEW YORK METS — Agreed to terms with 3B David Wright on an eight-year contract.

NBA

CLEVELAND CAVALIERS — Recalled F Kevin Jones from Canton (NBADL).

NFL

NFL — Suspended Washington CB Cedric Griffin four games for violating the NFL's policy on performance enhancing substances.

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Released TE Todd Heap. Signed TE Kory Sperry. CHICAGO BEARS — Signed LB Dom DeCicco to a two-year contract and RB Harvey Unga to the practice squad. Waived/injured LB Patrick Trahan. Released QB Matt Blanchard from the practice squad.

CINCINNATI BENGALS — Placed WR Mohamed Sanu on injured reserve. Signed RB Daniel Herron from the practice squad and WR Vidal Hazelton to the practice squad. INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Released FB Dominique Jones.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Released LB Clint Session and TE Maurice Stovall. Signed FB Will Tafo'ufu to the practice squad.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Re-signed Donté Stallworth. Placed WR Julian Edelman on injured reserve. Released OL Mitch Petrus. Signed OL Tommie Draheim and OL Colin Miller to the practice squad.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Placed G James Carpenter on the reserve/non-football illness list. Waived/injured WR Braylon Edwards. Signed G Rishaw Johnson from the practice squad. TENNESSEE TITANS — Signed OL Kyle DeVan and T Daniel Baldridge. Signed G Chris Scott to the practice squad. Placed T David Stewart and S Robert Johnson on injured reserve.

CFL

EDMONTON ESKIMOS — Released G Devin Tyler. MONTREAL ALOUETTES — Signed FB Patrick Lavoie to a three-year contract.

AHL

HAMILTON BULLDOGS — Reassigned F Alain Berger and D Joe Stejskal to Wheeling (ECHL).

MANCHESTER MONARCHS — Signed G Peter Mannino to a one-year contract. Released D Vincent LoVerde from a professional tryout agreement. SPRINGFIELD FALCONS — Assigned D Patrick Cullity to Idaho (ECHL).

NLL

COLORADO MAMMOTH — Traded F Derek Hopcroft to Buffalo for a conditional 2014 sixth-round draft pick. WASHINGTON STEALTH — Signed F Athan Iannucci to a one-year contract.

MLS

FC DALLAS — Re-signed D George John to a multiyear contract. PHILADELPHIA UNION — Exercised the 2014 contract option on M Zach Pfeffer and loaned him to Hoffenheim (Bundesliga-Germany) for 2013.

AHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Worcester	21	11	8	1	1	60	65	24
Manchester	21	10	8	2	1	55	53	23
St. John's	22	11	10	0	1	53	60	23
Portland	21	10	9	1	1	67	69	22
Providence	19	9	8	0	2	44	55	20

NORTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Springfield	20	12	4	1	3	70	42	28
Bridgeport	20	10	9	0	1	62	70	21
Connecticut	20	9	9	2	0	63	70	20
Adirondack	20	9	11	0	0	52	60	18
Albany	18	5	8	0	5	40	52	15

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Syracuse	20	13	5	1	1	74	55	28
Binghamton	18	12	4	1	1	57	44	26
W-B/Scranton	20	13	7	0	0	58	46	26
Hershey	21	9	11	1	0	55	62	19
Norfolk	20	9	11	0	0	59	65	18

WESTERN CONFERENCE

NORTH DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Abbotsford	20	13	3	2	2	56	36	30
Toronto	21	12	8	0	1	70	59	25
Lake Erie	22	11	9	1	1	70	70	24
Rochester	19	8	9	2	0	63	59	20
Hamilton	18	7	9	1	1	38	57	16

MIDWEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Rockford	22	12	9	0	1	73	67	25
Grand Rapids	19	11	6	1	1	66	58	24
Chicago	20	9	8	2	1	56	62	21
Milwaukee	19	8	8	1	1	54	58	20
Peoria	20	6	10	2	2	47	73	16

SOUTH

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Charlotte	21	12	7	0	2	70	61	26
Oklahoma City	20	11	6	1	2	66	59	25
Houston	20	11	6	1	2	67	59	25
Texas	20	10	8	1	1	51	58	22
San Antonio	20	6	11	0	3	51	63	15

Note: Two points awarded for a win, one for an overtime or shootout loss.

Tuesday's result

San Antonio at Abbotsford
Wednesday's games
All Times Eastern
Bridgeport at Connecticut, 7 p.m.
Peoria at Grand Rapids, 7 p.m.
Texas at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Abbotsford, 10 p.m.

Thursday's games

Lake Erie at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Hershey at Norfolk, 7 p.m.
Friday's games
Lake Erie at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Adirondack at Rochester, 7:05 p.m.

Portland at Binghamton, 7:05 p.m.
Manchester at Providence, 7:05 p.m.
Hershey at W-B/Scranton, 7:05 p.m.
Hamilton at Syracuse, 7:30 p.m.
Springfield at St. John's, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Rockford, 8:05 p.m.
Grand Rapids at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Houston at Texas, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 8

Bridgeport at Albany, 5 p.m.
Hamilton at Hershey, 7 p.m.
Connecticut at Manchester, 7 p.m.
Syracuse at Adirondack, 7 p.m.
Providence at Worcester, 7 p.m.
Rochester at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Portland at W-B/Scranton, 7:05 p.m.
Norfolk at Binghamton, 7:05 p.m.
Springfield at St. John's, 7:30 p.m.
Peoria at Texas, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Rockford, 8:05 p.m.

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	9	3	0	.750	430	260
N.Y. Jets	5	7	0	.417	228	296
Miami	5	7	0	.417	227	249
Buffalo	5	7	0	.417	277	337

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	11	1	0	.917	351	221
Indianapolis	8	4	0	.667	265	306
Tennessee	4	8	0	.333	248	359
Jacksonville	2	10	0	.167	206	342

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	9	3	0	.750	349	244
Pittsburgh	7	5	0	.583	254	230
Cincinnati	7	5	0	.583	302	260
Cleveland	4	8	0	.333	229	265

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	9	3	0	.750	349	244
San Diego	4	8	0	.333	258	257
Oakland	3	9	0	.250	235	376
Kansas City	2	10	0	.167	188	322

WEEK 13

Monday's result

Washington 17 N.Y. Giants 16

Sunday's results

N.Y. Jets 7 Arizona 6
Kansas City 27 Carolina 21
Indianapolis 35 Detroit 33
Buffalo 34 Jacksonville 18
Seattle 23 Chicago 17
New England 23 Miami 16
Houston 24 Tennessee 10
Green Bay 23 Minnesota 14
St. Louis 16 San Francisco 13
Denver 31 Tampa Bay 23
Cleveland 20 Oakland 17
Cincinnati 20 San Diego 13
Pittsburgh 23 Baltimore 20
Dallas 38 Philadelphia 33

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Online: www.australianopengolf.com.au

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	7	5	0	.583	321	243
Washington	6	6	0	.500	312	301
Dallas	6	6	0	.500	280	295
Philadelphia	3	9	0	.250	217	320

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	11	1	0	.917	317	229
Tampa Bay	6	6	0	.500	333	285
New Orleans	5	7	0	.417	321	327
Carolina	3	9	0	.250	235	292

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	8	4	0	.667	296	259
Chicago	8	4	0	.667	294	198
Minnesota	6	6	0	.500	262	272
Detroit	4	8	0	.333	300	315

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	8	3	1	.708	289	171
Seattle	7	5	0	.583	242	202

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The 2013 Jetta Hybrid



Engine

The powertrain consists of a unique 1.4-litre turbo-charged four-cylinder engine worth 150 horsepower and 184 pound-feet of torque. It's paired with a water-cooled electric motor rated at 27 horsepower and 114 pound-feet of torque. Electricity comes from a lithium-ion battery pack located behind the rear seat.



A 1.4 litre, turbo-charged engine

2013 Jetta Hybrid

- **Type.** Four-door, front-wheel-drive compact sedan
- **Engines (hp).** 1.4-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (150) with 27-hp electric motor (170, net)
- **Transmission.** Seven-speed dual-clutch automated manual
- **Base price (incl. destination).** \$29,400

Design

Physical modifications aimed at maximizing the Hybrid's fuel economy include a cold-air intake for the engine plus a special front air dam, side skirts and rear spoiler for the body. The underbody has been fitted with extra panels designed to further reduce air resistance and turbulence.

Fuel economy

The (Direct Shift Gearbox) or DSG also features a sport mode that holds each gear for a longer duration when accelerating, but at the expense of fuel economy that in "normal" mode is estimated at 4.6 l/100 km city and 4.0 highway. That beats the Jetta TDI's 6.7/4.6 highway figures and rivals the slower Civic Hybrid's.

Review. VW's hybrid shift is an economically sound one

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In a diesel-versus-hybrid comparison that usually pits Volkswagen against the rest of the world, did anyone really see this one coming? Volkswagen

building a hybrid? One that beats its own diesel model in fuel economy and comes close in price? Talk about a shift. Talk about the 2013 Jetta Hybrid.

The Jetta's hybrid system generates 170 net horsepower and 184 pound-feet of torque.

That's less than a Toyota Camry Hybrid or Ford Fusion Hybrid, but keep in mind that the Jetta is closer in size to the Honda Civic and its estimated 8.6-second

zero-to-60-m.p.h. (96 km/h) time trumps the Civic Hybrid by 1.5 seconds and the Jetta TDI by half a second.

Assisting the Jetta Hybrid in the performance department is a seven-speed automated manual transmission (Direct Shift Gearbox, or DSG) that features rapid-fire gear changes.

It can be left in automatic mode or the driver can go manually.

On the road, the Jetta's hybrid unit can briefly operate

on electric power for up to two kilometres and at speeds up to 60 km/h in standard mode, or 70 km/h in E-Mode. However, anything more than a gentle nudge of the pedal will tell the gas engine to join in.

The interior is standard Jetta fare, with the exception of a power meter that replaces the tachometer and displays when the Hybrid is in gas or electric mode.

Each model can come

equipped with a touch-screen audio system, an energy flow display, a navigation system, a Fender-brand audio package and a rearview camera, amongst other things. The Hybrid may not displace the cheaper Jetta TDI turbo-diesel as the fuel-saver's VW of choice, but it makes a sportier alternative to mainstream hybrids with their one-dimensional approach to cutting fuel consumption.

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DRIVE

Is seasonal tire dilemma starting to tire you out?

Maybe our expert can help. Bridgestone's Bill Vandewater outlines the differences between the summer, winter and all weather options

JEFF MELNYCHUK
Wheelbasemedia.com

This is where the rubber really meets the road — at the beginning of an old-fashioned Canadian winter.

Your old tires are so worn that they're practically transparent. But do you get summer tires and then swap them out for winter tires later on? Do you buy all-season tires and not worry about it? Or maybe a set of summer tires and then all-season tires for the winter because it doesn't snow all that much where you are?

It's really too bad that one

tire can't do it all, because the simple fact is that the average all-season tire is a compromise that isn't ideal in any condition. Bill Vandewater knows. As one of Bridgestone's tire engineers, he talks about tread compound, gripping edges, siping and aspect ratio around the water cooler at work like the rest of us talk about last night's game or the local news.

Keeping it simple, the basic thing to know, according to Vandewater, is that summer and winter tires are specifically built for those seasons, temperatures and driving surfaces.

All-season tires, on the other hand, are a compromise between both, since the properties of a good summer tire and a good winter tire contradict each other in nearly every aspect, from tread design and softness of the compound (which used to be made of rubber but is now a blend of synthetic ingredients) to sidewall construction.



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What's your direction?

- **Overview.** Buying directional tires, designed with a preferred forward rolling direction, used to be the norm for high-performance summer tires, but new designs mean easier side-to-side and front-rear rotation.
- **Asymmetrical.** This high-performance summer tire has large tread blocks at the outer edge for cornering grip and wide grooves for shedding water. The design, called asymmetrical, allows normal rotation if all the tires are the same size. In a staggered arrangement where the front tires are smaller than the rears, the tires can be rotated left to right only.
- **Directional.** This high-performance tire has to be mounted with the sidewall arrows pointing forward, which means the tires can only be rotated front to back and not side to side as is the case with an asymmetrical tire. If the tires are different sizes front and back, directional tires cannot be rotated — at all — unless they're removed from the wheels and switched. Characteristic of most directional tires is a swooping centre section.



For the summer

Since all-season tires are so popular, the summer tire has evolved into the role of a high-performance tire built for speed and agility.

"A summer tire definitely differs in the tread," says Vandewater. "Big, blocky and larger is more stable than a tire with a small pattern."

And in a high-performance tire that needs to quickly and precisely react to what the driver is doing with the steering wheel and the brakes, being stable is everything. That also means a relatively shallow tread depth that reduces the tire's tendency to squirm around and deflect when pushed closer to its limits.

A summer tire also has a short, stiff sidewall to aid steering response. That means they'll generally have a 30 or 40-series sidewall height, which is a number that indicates the percentage of the tire's overall width. The lower the percentage (30 versus 40), the shorter the sidewall for a given width.

"Sizing is a big issue since there are no 60 or 70 series summer tires," says Vandewater.

As well, outside shoulders have larger tread blocks for cornering, while the inner area is built to channel water away to keep the tire from floating on top of the water, which is a condition known as aquaplaning.

For the winter

In sharp contrast to the summer tire, the winter is all about paddling slush and snow out of the way.

A different mission means completely different qualities. A winter tire has deeper grooves and more of them, which means more gripping edges to help get over slippery surfaces. They're usually narrower, too. "Wider tires have a tendency to float while narrower tires dig into the snow," says Vandewater. By contrast, a wide summer tire puts more tread on the pavement, which is a good thing.

"Tread is designed to work in a temperature range. Winter tires are designed to work in cold temperatures." A winter tire is soft to stay pliable in the cold, which helps it grip. A summer tire hardens up in the cold and actually works against itself, unable to conform to surface irregularities. "Running winter tires all year around ... (they're) relatively soft, which makes them unstable."

They also don't last. Driving snow tires in the summer is a sure way to kill them quickly, says Vandewater, since they're so soft. They'll wear down in no time.

The deep grooves, about 30 to 50 per cent deeper than that of a summer tire, might help you get through the snow, but they also take away from steering sharpness.

As soon as the snow is gone, change to your set of summer tires. Increasing the traction for a snow tire are sipes, which are tiny, nearly invisible slices in the tread that add more gripping edges. By contrast, a summer tire has no sipes, which helps to stabilize the tread to make it more responsive and better able to take the heat from high-performance use.



All season dilemma

Since summer tires are generally reserved for high-performance vehicles, your only choice might be all-season tires for summer driving. And while they're a compromise between winter and summer tires, that doesn't mean they're bad.

They have a moderate tread depth, somewhere between summer and winter tires, more sipes and gripping edges than a summer tire and less than a winter tire. That makes an all-season less grippy in both extremes.

The compound is designed to work in a broad temperature range, again a compromise.

Driving a vehicle that came with summer tires from the factory in the winter means a change, but to what? Vandewater suggests winter tires if they're available to fit your vehicle. Low-profile winter tires are harder to come by, but "we do make 40-series winter tires."

If not, it might be possible to buy different (smaller) wheels and winter-specific tires with taller sidewalls, which will also help spare your shiny summer wheels the grief of soaking in road salt.

Either way, you'll need to back off aggressive driving in recognition of the decreased traction. "All-season is a compromise, but the most practical tire for most people."

L.A. show proves that cars are always greener (and shinier) on the other side

Electric evolution.

Automakers have spotted consumers' love of green, and the result is gorgeous, guilt-free vehicles



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Do you suffer from shiny object syndrome, or SOS as

it's known in the self-help industry? Are you pulled invisibly toward bright shiny objects, and then transfixed in their orbit, while you try to rationalize their purchase or theft?

Then don't go, like I did last week, to the Los Angeles Auto Show. It's full of things you will want to steal or buy — even the so-called green ones.

The evolution of green vehicles coming in more and more attractive packages has happened over the last decade or so, after automakers realized that

we consumers are drawn to green, so long as it is in a vehicle form that fits our emotional or practical needs, for whatever life stage we're in at the moment.

For example, while small and utilitarian is the ultimate way to go green, the chances are slim that you're going to buy a smart for-two electric if you go to ski country every winter weekend with four kids and a smelly dog.

On the flip side, the chances are also slim you're going to shell out \$100,000-

plus for a cool Fisker Karma hybrid when you're a freshman at U of Jägermeister.

The talking heads during the automakers' press days at the L.A. show repeatedly mentioned that there is no silver bullet to green technology, and that they'll have to make green advances on all fronts and on all types of vehicles, and that the vehicles themselves cannot "not deliver" their respective brand promises.

So, if I could, I would like to draw your attention to three L.A. debuts that illustrate this vision.



Chevrolet Spark EV

Chevrolet is GM's go-to brand for targeting young hipsters and value-conscious elders. As Chevrolet's smallest car, the Spark is already a great urban mobility device, and the electrification of it makes it even more so. When it goes on sale next summer, for about \$32,500 US (the U.S. federal rebate of \$7,500 lowers the price to \$25,000), it will be GM's first all-electric passenger vehicle since the EV1 was controversially discontinued in 2003. Unfortunately, the small number of Spark EVs coming to Canada next year is

strictly for fleet accounts.

Technical highlights: Lots of components carried over from Volt; First vehicle to use new SAE Combo DC Fast Charging protocol, enables Spark EV to charge to 80 per cent in 20 minutes; Two seven-inch LCD screens to better utilize smartphone infotainment, like navigation, satellite radio and Apple's Siri voice thing. On top of that is a Lithium ion battery pack and electric motor (designed and built by GM in the U.S.) which delivers 130 hp and 400 pound-feet of torque! It should be a hoot to drive. Expect speeds of around 80 km/h.



Mercedes-Benz Ener-G-Force

The L.A. show hosted a design challenge, where automakers could envision a Highway Patrol Vehicle in 2025.

Mercedes-Benz came up with the Ener-G-Force, which channels the vibe of a G Class off-roader circa 1979. There is, however, a twist. The G Force stores rainwater in the tanks on the roof, and transfers it to the "hydro-tech convertor," where it's turned into hydrogen for operating the fuel cells. "Swappable" battery packs are stored in the side skirts. There is an electric motor at each wheel to deliver four-wheel drive.

A 360-degree topography scanner sends data to the suspension computer, which adjusts suspension parameters for maximum traction. It's a zero-emission vehicle with zero tolerance for citizen misbehaviour.



BMW i8 Spyder

The BMW i8 Spyder shown in L.A. is definitely a concept, but production versions of both i8 coupes and con-

vertibles are definitely coming sometime around the 2014-15 timeframe. Expect prices of more than \$100,000 and top speeds of more than 150 mph, so they'll definitely

be worthy of wearing the BMW badge. The "petrol" part of the plug-in hybrid concept is a three-cylinder turbo-diesel, expected to deliver about 70 mpg (3.36 L/100 km).

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Second Gear.

2006-2010 Dodge Charger

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In its last generation, the Dodge Charger was a Canadian-built American sedan that offered up plenty of space, power and feature content. Sharing the same rear-drive 'LX' platform as the Chrysler 300 and Dodge Magnum, it offered up plenty of room, available HEMI V8 power and a comfortable, laid-back ride. Look for feature content including Bluetooth, navigation, heated leather, a sunroof, automatic climate control, remote access, cruise control, power seats and plenty more.

Common Issues

On HEMI-powered units especially, ensure the engine runs smoothly from idle to redline while accelerating lightly, moderately, and at full-throttle where traffic conditions permit. Any lumpiness or hesitation in power delivery could be the result of a computer or sensor-related issue.

A full check of the Charger's on-board electronics is advised, ensuring all motorized or computer-driven features work properly and as expected.

Numerous reports of issues with the Charger's driveshaft have been posted online—so be sure to have this component checked by



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a mechanic. Signs of a bad driveshaft could include a 'vibration' from beneath the car at speed or while accelerating. Test-drivers are also advised to 'listen' for any unwelcome noises from the front suspension.

Finally, ensure the gear selector moves freely between its positions. Charger may be affected by a fairly common problem with a part inside the selector mechanism that can prevent it from being shifted, particularly out of 'PARK'.

Engine



Charger offered up 3 engine options. The standard 2.7 litre V6 should be avoided because of reliability concerns—leaving shoppers to pick between a 3.5 litre V6 with 250 horsepower, or a 5.7 litre HEMI V8 with up to 370. Automatic transmissions were fitted to all models, and all-wheel drive was optional.

What owners like



Styling, roominess, a generous trunk, overall value and overall performance were all highly rated by Charger owners. Particularly, HEMI-powered models were loved for robust acceleration and sound effects.

What owners dislike



Some owners complain of limited outward visibility, big blind spots, poor fuel consumption with the V8, and a 'slippery' feel to driving the Charger in the rain or snow. Proper winter tires should address the latter.

Verdict

Shoppers longing for style, size and performance over fuel mileage shouldn't be disappointed by a healthy, well-maintained Charger. Shop with confidence once the model you're considering gets a thumbs-up from a mechanic.

Honda won't be caught out in the cold

Interview. Honda Canada's manager of product planning talks to Metro about the brand's winter testing

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Our cars, vans and crossovers don't like being forced into action on a cold morning any more than we do, let alone after sleeping outside covered in ice and salt. Yet, Canadians everywhere will soon begin

waking up their Hondas and Dodges and Fords and Volkswagens at 30 below and setting off with little second thought about the cruel challenges posed by the extreme temperatures.

Simply put, your car is expected to perform the same way, every day of the year—cold or not. For a closer look at how automakers ensure that's the case, I talked to Hayato Mori, Honda Canada's Manager of Product Planning.

JP: How do you make sure a car will start without being plugged in at temperatures that make us cringe?

HM: For gasoline to be ignited

by a spark plug, it needs to be in vapour form—and not much evaporates in the cold. Even before start up, the car knows air temperature, pressure and flow, as well as engine temperature, speed and location of the engine within the cycle. This allows the injectors to spray a fine fuel mist in ideal amounts, at the perfect time, to maximize the likelihood of combustion.

And, thankfully, most of things that make for an efficient engine, like low friction, precise measurement and good fuel control, also make for an easier cold start. Some credit has to be given to the fuel companies, too. All gaso-

line distributors in Canada provide a "winter fuel" to help the fuel vaporize when cold.

JP: Does Honda have a minimum standard temperature at which vehicles must be able to start?

HM: We sell cars in Russia, Northern Europe and all over Canada. The customer expectation is the same globally: "It has to start". This is our target.

JP: Can you share any specific exercises that vehicles are put through in cold weather testing?

HM: The testing after development has been completed is

focused on making sure the car works as expected in the hands of a Canadian customer. How quickly the car warms up, defrosts and starts is one example.

JP: Any big challenges in winter testing or performance foreseen in the future?

HM: As engine size decreases and vehicle interiors grow, ensuring a car with a small engine and a large interior can keep the passengers warm in extreme cold may require creative solutions. But currently we have no issues keeping our Honda Fit customers warm in extreme cold with traditional well designed and sized HVAC

and cooling system coupled to an efficient engine.

JP: Where is cold weather testing performed?

HM: Cold temperature testing starts on the tiniest clip, hinge, or circuit board in 'cold chambers' worldwide by suppliers before they are considered for use. Design and development groups then test vehicles in environmental chambers to make sure it all works as expected when assembled.

There's no replacement for real-world testing, and Honda engineers can be found on frozen ice roads worldwide, including northern Canada.

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Time for a Shelby

Short of buying an original Cobra roadster or one of the late racer/entrepreneur Carroll Shelby's Mustang-based sports cars, this limited-edition Shelby 1000 wristwatch could be one of the rarest (and priciest) memorabilia items available for purchase. Designed by watchmaker David Yurman, this very cool timepiece was originally created to celebrate both the 950-horsepower Shelby 1000 and the 50th anniversary of the Shelby American company. The watch is available in either stainless steel for \$7,200 or in black at \$8,600. The latter includes a special coating called PVD that's applied to the bezel and crown to prevent the colour from wearing away. But you should act quickly as only 150 copies of each version are being produced. Full details and order form are available at davidyurman.com.



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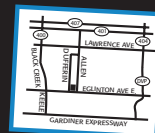
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Turbochargers huff and puff their way to fuel efficiency

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Your engine runs on gasoline, but before the fuel can be used, it must be mixed with air. That air is compressed by the pistons to produce power, but they can only do so much.

Automakers often add turbochargers or superchargers, which can coax more power out of a smaller engine without having to move up to a larger one.

"The strategy of downsizing and replacing engine displacement by charging led to large increases in torque, weight savings and fuel efficiency," says Cort Nielsen,

public relations manager for Audi Canada.

Although turbochargers and superchargers both do the same thing — pump more air into the engine — they differ in the way they run.

On a turbocharger, the engine's exhaust is routed through a turbine to make it spin. A supercharger is connected by a belt (or sometimes by gears) to the engine, which powers the unit.

Originally, these systems were all about power, and automakers used them to make their performance models even sportier.

While that's still the case with some vehicles, turbo-

chargers are increasingly used for fuel efficiency. Although they do use more fuel when they're working — when they push in more air, the engine must also burn more gasoline — they only provide a boost when extra power is needed, such as during hard acceleration.

In the past, automakers might simply have used a larger engine, which could provide that power when needed, but which would use more fuel the rest of the time. A smaller turbocharged engine handles everyday driving chores while using much less fuel, but can still provide that power boost when the driver demands it.

Because the turbocharger's turbine has to "spool up," or start spinning faster when the driver accelerates, there can be a slight delay in power.

Known as turbo lag, it was very noticeable in older engines, but newer units provide their power almost instantaneously.

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- Fact.** Turbochargers and superchargers are known as forced induction systems because they force air into the engine. An engine without such a system draws in non-compressed air and is referred to as "naturally aspirated."

the former deficiencies are no longer present," Nielsen says.

"The use of new combustion methods is another key topic in advanced development of engine charging technology, especially in efforts to increase charge pressure."

Whether an engine uses a turbocharger or supercharger depends on several factors, including where it will fit into the engine bay, and how easily its heat can be dissipated.

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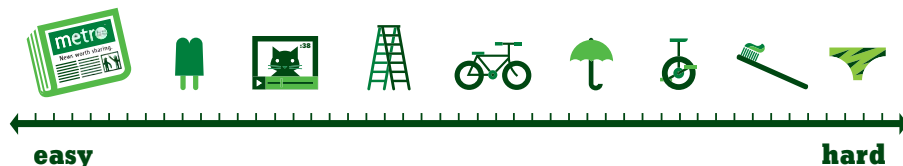
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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20
Look ahead and make plans — the bigger the better. The planets are encouraging you to try out new ways of doing things and before the current week is over, you will have had a revelation of some kind.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21
What happens over the next 24 hours will convince you there can be no more looking back. It is the future that matters and the future begins now. Change your life by changing the way you think about it.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21
Why do you believe you are surrounded by enemies? Whatever the reason, it must not be allowed to stop you from taking risks. Over the next few days, if you bet against the odds, you might just win big.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23
What is the one thing you are really good at? Everyone has a talent of some sort and if you identify yours and do something with it, you will soon enjoy amazing success. Do what comes naturally and do it brilliantly.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23
Be brave and take that big gamble you have been thinking of. There are, of course, no guarantees but life is supposed to be fun and one of the most fun things you can do is to reach beyond your usual limits.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
A long-term problem will work itself out to your complete satisfaction today and to say you will be surprised is a big understatement. Don't think about it too much, just make the most of it.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
It seems you have been working at cross purposes with a friend, but the good news is you can easily set things straight. Identify what each of you is trying to accomplish then resolve to help one another.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Someone new will come into your life today and it could be the start of a great friendship. You may be as different as chalk is from cheese but for some reason you will click. It could be you are soul mates.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Old-fashioned ideas and habitual routines tend to bore you and that's good because success will come through trying new things. Don't just move with the times, move ahead of the times. Shake up the status quo.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Whatever it is you get up to next it is sure to change the way other people look at you, and maybe even the way you look at yourself. Strive to be different, not just today but every day from now on.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You will have plenty to say for yourself today but there is a danger you will say too much and turn others against you. That may not worry you much now but it will later on when you need their assistance.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20
Today's events will surprise you, especially if you are the kind of Pisces who thinks in terms of black and white or good and bad. Try not to be so conservative in your opinions. Strive to see the bigger picture.
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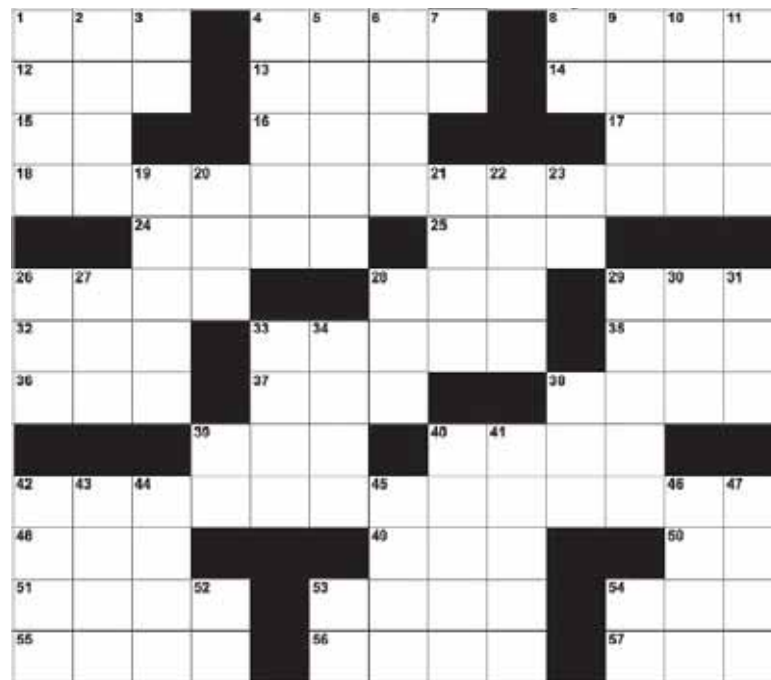
Crossword

Across

- Auger
- Skin
- Star —: Deep Space Nine
- Stage of sleep (abbr.)
- Vicinity
- Peacekeeping grp.
- Battery sz.
- Common suffix
- "Smoking or —?"
- Problem solving technique
- Rose holder
- Urn
- Part of UCLA
- Catty
- de Janeiro
- Runaway singer Shannon
- Vocalized pauses
- Yield
- Jay-Z's genre
- Understand
- Flee from the law
- Balsam and Evergreen
- Charlottetown province (abbr.)
- Use the phone
- Genuinely real
- GPS heading (abbr.)
- NHL legend Bobby
- First two vowels in a sequence
- Orange peel
- Only one time
- Rap sheet abbreviation
- Director Preminger
- Meadows
- Berlin article

Down

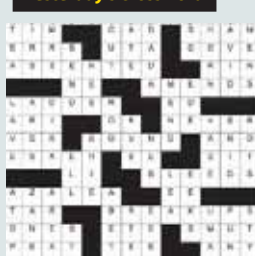
- Spirited horse
- "What Not to —"
- Letters between K and N
- Growing —
- Greeted the day
- Monthly expense



BY BETTY MARTIN

- Apiece (abbr.)
- Actress who starred in Father Dowling Mysteries (init.)
- Indian Queen
- British prep school.
- "King —"
- Cease
- Author Fleming
- Ken or Lena
- Tooth anchor
- Form of address
- "Sleepless in Seattle" actress Ryan
- Sooner than, poetically
- Zodiac symbol
- Boring tool
- Corn unit
- CD's predecessor
- Jane Lynch drama
- Precipitation
- Tampa state
- Chemistry measure (abbr.)
- Time frame
- Farm units
- Flying (prefix)
- Condo, e.g.
- Camping necessity
- Pitch
- Trout habitat
- Part of a decade
- "— the Right Thing"
- Chemical suffix
- Billboard use

Yesterday's Crossword



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Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

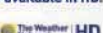
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7 PASSENGER SEATING AVAILABLE

Sorento SX shown*

2013

SORENTO

HWY (A/T): 6.5L/100KM
CITY (A/T): 9.8L/100KM

OWN IT FROM
\$160*
BI-WEEKLY

WITH
\$0
DOWN

AT
1.49%
APR

FOR UP TO
60
MONTHS

INCLUDES

EVERYBODY WINS*
\$1,000

0% —FINANCING ON—
2013**
SELECT MODELS



PAY UNTIL SPRING**

bi-weekly for 60 months, amortized over 84 months with **\$0 DOWN PAYMENT**. \$8,175 remaining balance. Offer includes delivery, destination and fees of \$2,183, **\$500 LOAN SAVINGS*** and **\$1,000 EVERYBODY WINS SAVINGS*** BASED ON A PURCHASE PRICE OF \$29,078. Offer based on 2013 Sorento LX AT.



7 PASSENGER SEATING AVAILABLE

Rondo EX-V6 Luxury shown*

2012

RONDO

NOW ONLY
\$16,928*

INCLUDES
\$6,250* IN CASH SAVINGS

INCLUDES

EVERYBODY WINS*
\$1,000

HWY (A/T): 7.5L/100KM
CITY (A/T): 10.6L/100KM

AIR CONDITIONING

AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION

Offer includes delivery, destination and fees of \$2,183, **\$5,250 CASH SAVINGS*** and **\$1,000 EVERYBODY WINS SAVINGS*** BASED ON A PURCHASE PRICE OF \$23,178. Offer and features based on 2012 Rondo LX with AC.



Sportage SX shown*

2013

SPORTAGE

INCLUDES

OWN IT FROM
\$132*
BI-WEEKLY

WITH
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1.99%
APR

FOR UP TO
60
MONTHS

EVERYBODY WINS*
\$1,000

ESC ELECTRONIC STABILITY CONTROL

BLUETOOTH CONNECTIVITY*

HWY (A/T): 6.5L/100KM
CITY (A/T): 9.7L/100KM

bi-weekly for 60 months, amortized over 84 months with **\$0 DOWN PAYMENT**. \$6,730 remaining balance. Offer includes delivery, destination and fees of \$2,183, **\$750 LOAN SAVINGS*** and **\$1,000 EVERYBODY WINS SAVINGS*** BASED ON A PURCHASE PRICE OF \$24,178. Offer based on 2013 Sportage 2.4L LX MT FWD.



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Representative financing example based on 2013 Rio5 LX MT (R0551D) with a selling price of \$16,083 [includes delivery and destination fees of \$1,455, \$1,000 Everybody Wins savings, tire recycling and filter charges of \$34, OMVIC fee, variable dealer administration fees (up to \$399), environmental fee and A/C charge (\$100, where applicable)] financed at 0% APR for 36 months. 78 bi-weekly payments equal \$193 per payment with a down payment/equivalent trade of \$0. License, insurance, applicable taxes and registration fees are extra. Retailer may sell for less. See dealer for full details. *Every eligible contestant will win (subject to correctly answering a skill-testing question) an Instant Win prize consisting of a discount in an amount from \$1,000 to \$10,000 towards the purchase or lease of any new 2012 or 2013 Kia vehicle. One Grand Prize consisting of a \$25,000 cheque will be randomly awarded from among all eligible contestants at the conclusion of the contest. 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Offer includes \$1,000 Everybody Wins savings, \$500/\$750 loan savings, delivery and destination fees of \$1,650, tire recycling and filter charges of \$34, OMVIC fee, variable dealer administration fees (up to \$399), environmental fee and A/C charge (\$100, where applicable). License, insurance, applicable taxes and registration fees are extra. Retailer may sell for less. See dealer for full details. *Loan savings for 2013 Sorento LX AT (SR758D)/2013 Sportage 2.4L LX MT FWD (SP551D) is \$500/\$750 and is available on purchase financing only on approved credit. Loan savings vary by model and trim and are deducted from the negotiated selling price before taxes. Some conditions apply. *Cash purchase price for 2012 Rondo LX with AC (RN750C) is \$16,928 and includes a cash savings of \$5,250 (which is deducted from the negotiated selling price before taxes and cannot be combined with special lease and finance offers) and \$1,000 Everybody Wins savings. 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